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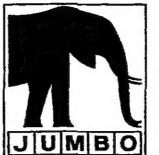
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Guns continue to devastate Sarajevo

Bosnia deal has failed to set peace deadline

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

THE London agreements reached by the warring parties in former Yugosla-via were promptly under-mined yesterday, when British and United Nations officials admitted that there was no starting time in sight for the 96-hour deadline by which the Bosnian Serbs agreed to place their heavy weapons under UN control.

Yesterday the guns contin-ued to rain death and destruction on Sarajevo, killing at least three people. Cyrus Vance, the UN envoy who will co-chair with Lord Owen the follow-up standing conference in Geneva, said it would be "folly" to set any deadline for an end to the fighting. "We want to see it stop as soon as we can."

He announced that Marrack Goulding, UN under secretary-general for peace-

THE independent sector

dominates the comparison of

state and private schools' A-

level results which appears in

The Times today. Only five

state schools figure in the top

table of 366 schools and

sixth-form coileges. Royal Grammar School, High Wy-

combe, Buckinghamshire,

emerges as the top state school 40 places later, ahead

of such famous names as

Harrow, Charterhouse and

Rugby.
Grammar schools account-

ed for most of the 95 state

schools in the league table.

Grant-maintained schools

filled 23 of the places, but none of the top 100. Hasmo-nean Boys' High School, in

Barnet, north London, was the top comprehensive. The

ranking provides relief for St Paul's Girls' School, in Ham-

mersmith, west London,

which has been at the centre

of controversy since the resig-

nation of its headmistress ear-

lier this month. This year's

results again make it the lead-ing girls' school.

minster's headmaster, insist-

ed that his 600-strong school,

which has a mixed sixth form,

was not an "academic hot-

house". He said: "The pupils

have done as well as they have

without feeling, every hour of every day, that they have ex-

ams pushed down their

David Summerscale, West-

Westminster School leads a

keeping operations, will fly to Bosnia to begin locating the weapons. But until he returned and was able to deploy UN forces, no start could be made to the rounding up of guns and morters.

Mr Vance also expressed doubts whether Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, had the strength and authority to carry out his commitments. "We have to test it. I can only hope and pray that he will have the

in Sarajevo, a mortar shell hit the presidency building as officials expressed bitterness at the outcome of the talks. Stjepan Kljuic, a member of the presidency, said the con-ference was a "catastrophe". Muslim leaders also denounced international diplomacy for supporting cantonisation, which they said would seal the country's division.

Leaders of the UN Protec-

state and private schools at

the top of the league table

continues throughout the sur-

vey. The overall pass rate in the top three A-level grades

was 46.4 per cent, but the

independent schools' own re-

sults, more than 500 of which

were published for the first

time yesterday, show that two-thirds of subject entries

reached the score commonly

regarded as a passport to

spokeswoman on education,

said that the contrast between

the sectors reflected the gov-

ernment's treatment of state

education. "I find all league

tables invidious, but this just

demonstrates the importance

of class sizes and the re-sources available to indepen-

has changed in the past 30

years from providing social cachet to delivering the A-

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Ann Taylor, Labour's

Independent schools

dominate A-levels

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

tion Force (Unprofor) said Serbs and Bosnians showed no wish to reach a peaceful settlement. General Hosen Ali Abd El Razik, the Egyp-tian Unprofor commander, said: "Shelling the city is not a good sign for peace." He thought "both sides want to send a message to the London conference that they don't want to concentrate their heavy weapons".

In London, foreign and defence ministers of the ninenation Western European Union said they were ready to help the United Nations operation in former Yugoslavia with military, logistical and financial support. They also said they were ready to tight-en sanctions against Serbi-and Montepagn in the Adriand Montenegro in the Adri-atic and on the Danube. But beyond offering technical assistance to the governments of states along the Danube. they did not promise any new neasures to prevent sanc-

At present WEU and Naro itoring compliance with UN sanctions without authority to stop ships. The meeting yesterday looked at the option of a full naval blockade.

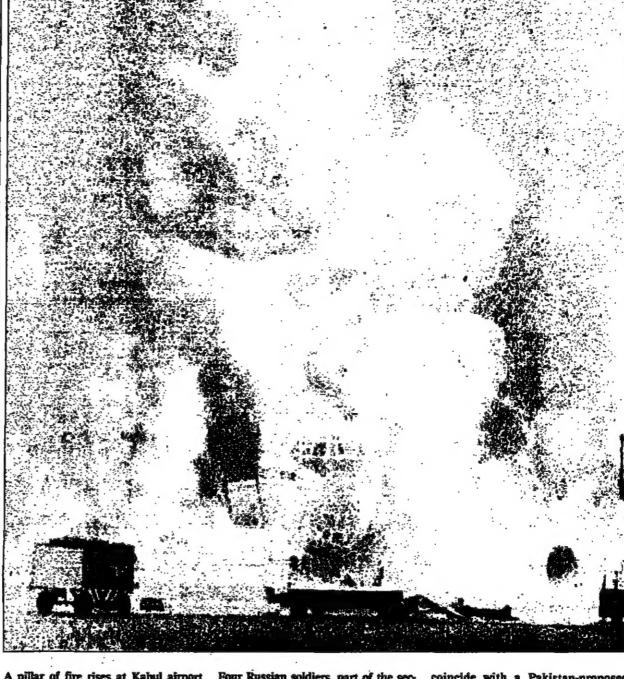
The Italians, currently representing the WEU presiden-cy, said the WEU would help the UN forces monitor heavy weapons in Bosnia, and individual nations had promised to contribute more troops. But they gave no figures.

Several delegations to the ondon conference expressed dismay yesterday that there was no threat of military intervention, if the Serbs or anyone else broke the agree ments. The Turkish foreign minister, Hikmet Cetin, said it was the last chance for a peaceful settlement; if it did not lead to a swift ourcome there was no alternative to military intervention. The Dutch and the French also suggested that force might ventually be needed.

Arguments among the deldent schools. If the governegations from former Yugoment wants to produce the slavia continued yesterday same results in state schools, over the documents presented it must give them more by John Major and Boutros Boutros Ghaii, the UN secre-tary-general. Milan Panic, the prime minister of rump Sir Rhodes Boyson, a former Conservative education minister, said that only more Yugoslavia, said he would deselective schools could immand the resignation of prove the position of state Slobodan Milosevic if the schools. "In the past, a lot of state grammar schools would Serbian president did not comply with his peace prohave been near the top. The posals for Bosnia. whole role of public schools

Mr Panic did most of the talking for the Serbian delegation in London. But they almost walked out on Thurs Continued on page 16

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A pillar of fire rises at Kabul airport round the nose of a Russian Ilyushin-76 transport plane, one of three which flew

in yesterday to evacuate Russian em-bassy staff from the beleaguered city. One of 15 rockets fired by the fundamentalist rebels led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar hit the tarmac near the plane, and flaming aviation fuel flowed across the runway as Russian commandos and truck drivers dashed to safety.

Four Russian soldiers, part of the security contingent that came in on the planes, were badly burnt and two were admitted to Kabul's military hospital. Sixty-eight diplomats, including the ambassador, Yevgeni Ostrovenko, were stranded in Kabul by the destruction of the Ilyushin, but the two others were able to fly out more than 100 embassy

The evacuation had been planned to

coincide with a Pakistan-proposed ceasefire that never materialised as rockets fired by Hezb-i-Islami rebels smashed into the city and airport throughout the day. The Hezb attack on the airport began at dawn, targeting both ends of the runway, while rockets struck other areas, including Bala Hissar fort. The 68 members of the Russian mission left behind spent the morning in an airport bunker.

Wind and rain drive **Britons** overseas

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

THOUSANDS of Britons were preparing to flee the country last night to escape a wet and windy August bank holiday. Heathrow airport was expected to handle a record number of passengers although the AA reported lit-tle sign of the usual build-up of traffic on roads leading to British destinations.

More than two million are expect to throng the streets of west London at the Notting Hill carnival, where 10,500 police officers will be on duty or standby during the two-day event which begins to-morrow. Visitors are expected to spend about £12 million on food, drink and souvenirs at the carnival, now second in size only to that of Rio de

The most popular overseas destinations are Paris, Amsterdam, Mediterranean resorts and Florida, where flights have returned to normal after the departure of Hurricane Andrew.

At home, some hoteliers competed to demonstrate the ingenuity with which they could drum up trade to revive the hard-pressed tourism in-dustry in one of the worst years on record. One hotel is offering special weekend hunting breaks with a 25 per cent discount for anyone who finds evidence of the existence of the legendary Durham puma. Another will supply free accommodation to guests who can prove that they snor loudly enough to test a new sound-proofing system.

Behind such gimmicks lies

the sobering fact that thou-sands of hotels, guest houses and seaside restaurants are now operating under receiv-ership. Anything is welcome, however bizarre, that might attract a few more guests. The Redworth Hotel, near

Puma hunt, page 2 Bus station remance,

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Europe's finance chiefs reject currency realignment

BY COLIN NARBROUGH IN LONDON AND TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN Community governments yesterday ruled out any realignment of the currencies in the European exchange-rate mechanism in a statement issued at Norman Lamont's request in an attempt to reduce the severe pressures that have built up in the grid.

The announcement, issued by the Community's monetary committee after the European market close, brought a measure of stability to a week of turbulence in the foreign exchange markets and reduced the threat of early interest rate rises.

The Bank of England succeeded on Wednesday in stabilising the pound with large-scale intervention, but other central banks - most prominently Italy - have been forced to prop up their currencies throughout the week. The strength of mark, a reflection of Germany's tight monetary policy, has been the main cause of tension. The lira was last night pinned to its absolute ERM floor. The pound ended the week around a pfennig from its lower limit of DM2.7780 at DM2.7895, down a fraction

on the day. Mr Lamont, who requested the statement after telephoning his counterparts and cen-tral bankers across Europe, welcomed it as "clear and unequivocal", saying it dem-onstrated the willingness of Britain's partners to "co-operate intensively to maintain stability in the financial

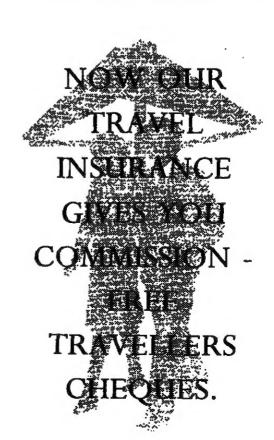
Commission sources said

strued as a cynical attempt by Mr Lamont to use the EC as a smokescreen for the government's economic policies, but Treasury officials insisted the announcement had been carefully agreed between all capitals. A French opinion poll to be published in Le Parisien today estimated the "no" vote to enacting the Maastricht treaty as 53 per cent. It was the third this week to indicate that the French referendum would reject Maastricht and followed three others which pointed to only a narrow acceptance. Foreign exchange dealers believe a "no" vote would

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produce further strains.

the wreck include passenger's trunks, clothing and children's toys. The Vir-ginia court recorded how "newspa-



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Shipwrecked gold gives a lifeline to Lloyd's held in a vault at a secret location in BY BEN MACINTYRE Virginia. Other items salvaged from

LLOYD'S of London has found a saviour: a \$1 billion crock of gold buried in the mud and silt off the coast of South Carolina.

As insurance agents count their osses from Hurricane Andrew, an American court has ruled that a group of insurance companies — including Lloyd's — which paid out on a similar hurricane 145 years ago should get a share of the golden cargo that went down with the SS Central

America. Many of the 580 passengers on board the ship, which was sailing from Panama to New York, were miners returning home with their booty from the California gold rush. Four hundred and twenty-five per-ished when the hurricane struck on September 12, 1857, and the ship went down with at least three tons of

gold coins and gold bricks in her hold. Besides the miners' gold, the ship was also carrying gold from Cali-fornia banks to New York in an effort

to calm the financial panic of 1857. The 16 companies that had under-written the vessel and its contents written the vessel and its contents (including Lloyd's and five other British firms) paid the insurance claims promptly. The speed with which they did so is widely believed to have staved off an economic collapse.

Ten years ago, a team of treasure hunters, the Columbus-America Discovery Group, becam searching the

covery Group, began searching the seabed 160 miles off Charleston, South Carolina, and in 1987 they found the wreck 8,000ft below the surface using robots and high-technology salvage equipment. The team has already extracted more than a ton of gold, including one brick weighing 62lb and thousands of gold pieces. The divers say that it may take

several more years before all the car-go, worth an estimated \$1 billion (£507 million) is brought to the

On Thursday a federal appeals court in Richmond, Virginia, said that a portion of the treasure trove must go to the insurance companies, which filed for a share after sifting through ancient newspaper clippings and company records. A district court had ruled in 1990 that all proceeds from the discovery should go to the salvagers, who have argued that the insurance companies effectively forfeited any claim to the treasure because they made no effort to dis-cover the ship. The salvagers must now decide whether to appeal against the court's verdict, and a lower court will have to assess what

pers reporting the disaster contained vivid accounts of men flinging down their hard-earned treasure in disgust upon realising their impending Lloyds expressed surprise yester-day at the unexpected windfall. "I don't think there's ever been a case quite like this." Martin Leach, a spokesman, said. "It's now a ques-tion of finding the descendants of the original insurers or what's left of the original syndicates. There's a lot of

proportion of the find should go to The gold recovered so far is being

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paperwork going back 130 years and

the legal department is looking into

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morial, which FI TEXT TO THE scher snapped up. Can

and Jaguar

pany would have closed al-

ready had it not been for the

Ford takeover. "We are look-

ing at frightening levels of loss which an independent com-

pany could not sustain," he

Roger Vaughan, Swan

Hunter's joint chief executive,

said that redundancies would

start at the shipbuilder in

December, cutting staff to

2,200. Half of those to go were

Swan Hunter has failed to

win any of the last batch of

orders for Type 23 frigates

from the Ministry of Defence.

A worldwide search for re-placement orders has also

Workers were not surprised

at the news, with one leaving

the Wallsend yard yesterday

saying: "We have been expect-

ing this for the last six months.

The workload has dropped

right down and morale has

Dr Vaughan said that the

fortunes of shipbuilding were

cyclical and added: "Our

order book runs through to the

end of 1994. However, we

must ensure our employment

level is in line with that work

Nick Brown, MP for Newcastle East and a Labour

spokesman on the economy, is

asking for government aid for

the shipbuilding industry. He is worried that the redundan-

cies could signal the collapse of

a series of employers on

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, publishing

Labour's survey of business

closures yesterday, said he feared that 50,000 would go

under by the end of the year.

"Our latest estimate is that

Tyneside.

until new orders are won."

been very low."

on short-term contracts.

in orders. The redundancies were pounced on by union leaders, politicians and businessmen as further evidence that Britain's manufacturing industry was spiralling into a fatal decline. The CBI scrapped its forecasts of 2.9 per cent growth in the economy in 1993 in favour of a revised estimate of 0.7 per cent. following a contraction this year of 1 per cent. Motor manufacturers face a

further fall in new car sales after 1991, which was the worst annual slump for 50 years. As Jaguar announced its redundancies, Ford and Vauxhall both said that they were cutting the prices of some models by up to £1,100 in an effort to clear stocks of unwanted models.

Ford, which has introduced short-time working at both its main British plants, and Nissan are saying that new car sales this year will be only about 1.55 million, the lowest sinœ 1982.

Ian McAllister, Ford of Britain's chairman, said that if the decline continued, "we will not be able to maintain production at full capacity. The options are short-time working or changing shift patterns. It does not necessarily mean closing plants but nothing is ruled out."

Jaguar, bought by Ford for £1.6 billion in 1989, is looking for volunteers to take reduridancy. Union leaders said that the workforce was already down to 8,000 from 12,000

two years ago. Nick Scheele, Jaguar's

Swan Hunter Soldier shot dead as Ulster's 3,000th victim is mourned

A SOLDIER was shot and killed last night while on patrol in South Armagh in Northern Ireland. He was in cut 2,000 jobs the strongly republican border village of Crossmaglen when he was hit by a single shot fired from near a Catholic

He was the third soldier to be murdered in Northern Ireland this year and the 58th victim of violence since January. The shooting came as people gathered outside Belfast City Hall for a silent rally to commemorate 3,000 violent deaths in 23 years in the province. The 3,000th victim, a 19-year-old Catholic man. was killed on Thursday night. For the political and religious leaders, finding ade-

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Richard Ford records how horror at sudden death has turned into weary acceptance of its inevitability

quate words to respond to the endless atrocities has become profoundly difficult. The constant repetition of violence has blunted the human response to carnage. Michael Mates, the security minister, did his best yesterday as he recited words that could have come from the lips of any of his predecessors. The killing of the 3,000th victim was "brutal and senseless" and the government and security forces would continue relent-

ble for terrorist crimes. Yesterday as the people of Northern Ireland greeted the latest killings with equanimity, two former Northern Ireland ministers remembered a very different reaction to mur-

ders at the outset of the present troubles. They recalled the fear and panic that gripped the Roman Catholic community when the first killings occurred and remarked sadly that people in both communities had become immune to death. lessly to pursue those responsi-**NORTHERN IRELAND'S** DEATH TOLL

Lord Fitt, the former MP for Belfast West, said that after the first killings in August 1969, the Roman Catholic community in parts of Belfast was terrified that it would be the victim of a Loyalist

He said: "There was an awful lot of hysteria by people who feared they were going to be murdered in their beds. The people wanted the army brought in to protect them."

Only hours before John Gallagher became the first victim of the troubles, troops were deployed on the streets of the province after the Royal Ulster Constabulary, exhausted by nights of noting and sectarian attacks, was forced to admit that it could no longer deal with violence in Londonderry and Belfast. The death and disorder was then headline news.

Such is the feeling of dejà vu about the continued killing in the province and Northern Ireland's political difficulties, that those days have long passed. Bombings and killings usually receive perfunctory coverage in the national media and sometimes

But for the fact that he was the 3,000th person killed in the troubles and the victim of a feud in a republican group, the death of Hugh McKibben would probably not have received extensive media coverage yesterday. Paddy Devlin, a former minister in the power-sharing executive, said: "Unless it's four of five people being killed, these deaths hardly cause a ripple. We become immunised from the effects of killing and violence."

While John Gallagher was shot dead in 1969 by a member of the security forces, Mr McKibben, a member of the outlawed Irish People's Liberation Organisation, was killed by one-time colleagues in the republican group.

McKibben: his number, not his name, will count

demand for civil rights which spawned the street disturbances that spiralled into violence and paramilitary activity.

Yet while war weariness is

said by some observers to have enveloped much of the community, ancient hatreds and enmities remain. On the one hand Ian Paisley, who once threw snowballs at a car carrying the Irish prime minister for talks to Stormont, is now willing to talk to Irish government ministers at Stormont. But two weeks ago, unionist councillors quashed a proposal to hold a joint reception in Belfast city hall for the island of Ireland's two Olympic boxing medallists. They refused to extend an

invitation to the Dublin man who had won a gold medal Herbert Ditty, the city's Lord Mayor, commented:"I can only go along with things that

The IRA are desperate for the killings to stop, according to Dr Edward Daly, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Londonderry. Dr Daly has been holding meetings with key members of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA. He told BBC Radio Ulster: What I do detect, and I have no doubt about this, is a desperate anxiety and an urgent anxiety to end this conflict and to bring an end to all the suffering and heartbreak and

SNP plays the Europe card

BY KERRY GILL

business failures are up more than 20 per cent in the year THE Scottish National Party. which saw the number of its and companies are now failing at the rate of more than MPs cut from five to three at the general election, yesterday launched a four-year plan to strengthen its political, organisational and financial 1.000 a week. In many areas of the country, 200 unem-ployed men and women are chasing every vacancy on base. After the frustration of the general election results, CBI warning page 17 when the party's vote in-

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creased by almost 50 per cent but predicted victories failed to materialise, the Nationalists will issue their first rallying call to the Scottish electorate at their annual conference in Perth next month.

The strategy will attempt to persuade Scots that independence within the European Community offers the best way forward. It will stress the

virtues of independence rather than concentrate exclusively on attacking the Conservatives, a tactic that backfired in April when scaremongering over the dangers of going it alone drove voters back towards the Tory fold.

The party also believes that it should broaden its appeal by trying to encourage voters who back independence, but not the SNP, to realise that the only method of achieving their aim is to vote for the one party that can deliver self-governnent ironically for the Na tionalists, there were many voters who admitted to backing the SNP but were fearful of full independence. Those scares were seized upon by the Tories in the weeks prior to

April 9.
Party leaders recognise that
the election result, despite its
disappointment, does create
some new opportunities. They will emphasise at every turn Labour's inability to deliver anything for Scotland because it is unelectable at Westminster. The party also believes that the decline in the credibil-ity of devolution now brings a straight choice between inde-pendence and the union with England. During the last par-liament the devolution debate offered Scots an easy option for constitutional change, muddying the argument for

independence. John Swinney, the party's national secretary, said that the four-day conference marked the start of a "process of renewal" that would allow the SNP to deliver independence by winning parties per parties are the start of the st dence by winning parliamen-tary seats and a clear mandate

SHAGGY cat tales about ma-

rauding pumas have prompted the launch of Britain's first

recorded commercial sponsorship of big game hunting.
A hotel in co. Durham.

where a spitting black beastie that one would not want on

one's lap was first spotted in

1986, is offering 25 per cent

discounts on holiday breaks to

anyone finding puma drop-pings or other evidence. Hunt-

ers returning empty-handed

£175 for a weekend, including

the loan of maps, video cam-

era, pith helmet and two cooked legs of lamb intended

to placate any hungry pumas

Hotel, near Newton Aycliffe,

said yesterday: "We definitely

believe the Durham puma exists. It has created a great

deal of interest and we are

optimistic a lot of people will take us up on this offer."

Marianne Lamb, sales manager of the Redworth

they encounter.

will have to pay the full price of

Puma tales create

a roaring trade

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

Oil spill threatens sea birds

AN oil spill in the Shetland Islands was last night threat-ening sea birds at the Noss National Nature Reserve. The slick of diesel oil was sighted yesterday morning, three miles northwest of the milelong island, where 7,000 pairs

of gannets are nesting.

By mid-afternoon the tide had swept the oil into a threemile-long slick up to 100 vards wide, sreading around the northern shore of the island of Bressay and south past the Noss gannetry. After surveying the spill from a small boat, Mr Martin Heubeck of Shetland Bird Club said his main concern was for flocks of up to 1.700 eider ducks feeding in the area. The birds are moult-ing and cannot fly out of the way of the oil. Black guille-mots, great skuas and fulmars were also in the area.

Mr Heubeck said it could take several weeks for the oil to kill birds, as they tried to preen it from their feathers. If the oil had been sprayed with disper-sant when first reported, he added, it could have been broken up but it was now "too late to do much about it".

Shetland coastguards said the slick had been reported to the government's Marine Pollution Control Unit in London. A surveillance heli-copter chartered by Shetland Islands Council was not available to spray the oil yesterday. An informed source in Lerwick said Russian fish-factory ships had been refuelling north of Noss on Thursday.

Alleged sightings of pumas,

ocelots and other jungle cats

all over Britain have increased

in the past three decades and

acquired a certain respectabil-

ity. Experts at London 200 say

that there is sufficient evidence to believe that a number of big

cats are running free. The rise

in sightings is put down to increased car ownership, which means that animals are

more often caught in the glare

of headlights, and to the 1976

Dangerous Animals Act. This

legislation required that all big

cats had to be registered. encouraging unprincipled owners to abandon them in

Eddie Bell, 36, a former police sergeant and now a childcare worker, has investi-

gated more than 90 sightings

of the Durham puma and

taken a plaster cast from a paw

print. He said yesterday: "I am fairly certain there is some-

thing out there. Ninety people

are unlikely all to be wrong."

the wild.

Women warned after attack at traffic light

A 41-year-old woman was recovering in hospital last night after she was attacked by two men who climbed into her car when she stopped at a set of traffic lights in north London. The attack happened yesterday at the junction of Gravel Hill and Regents Park Road, Finchley, when the men forced her at knifepoint to an unknown location and sexually assaulted her. Neighbours found her sitting in her car more than two hours later in shock, not far from her home in the nearby

Detective Inspector Rodney Archer, leading police investigations into the incident, said: "This is a case that has very wide implications for women. The attack happened in broad daylight in a public place and involved an abduction at knifepoint. The woman has hardly spoken to us as she is so traumatised. We have to warn other women to be on their guard at all times. At this stage we are not linking it to any

Ballet strike nears

London City Ballet's new season was in jeopardy last night after a Musicians' Union ballot showed that 75 per cent of the orchestra were in favour of strike action after employment contracts were not renewed for three players. However, a union spokeswoman said: "There is still a chance of reaching an agreement. The management could get in contact." The company almost closed last year in a funding dispute with the Arts Council. The new season was due to open on September 14. In June, the London City Ballet wrote to three musicians to say their contracts would not be renewed. Management sent new contracts to the other players without a union agreement being signed.

Paddington Bear stolen

Paddington Bear, right, which welcomes passengers to Paddington station, west London, was stolen from its glass display case yesterday.

Five youths were arrested and taken to Paddington Green police station. Two have been charged with theft and with criminal damage to the display case. They are the display case. They are due to appear before Maryle-bone magistrates today. Three others were released without charge.



Pesticide deaths fall

Fewer birds of prey and animals are being poisoned by pesticides but farm chemicals still kill dogs, cats, badgers, honey bees and rare birds, said a government report honey bees and tare birds, said a government report yesterday. Agriculture ministry inspectors investigated 752 suspected poisoning cases last year and found a positive link with pesticides in 193, compared to 223 the previous year. Twenty-eight birds of prey, including a golden eagle, red kites and buzzards, died last year after being illegally poisoned. The victims also included at least 67 dogs and 27 cats, and there were 85 cases of honey her poisoning. There were 85 cases of honey her poisoning. there were 85 cases of honey bee poisoning. There was "a continuing problem of deliberate abuse of pesticides", said the ministry.

Accused, 84, collapses

An 84-year-old man accused of the murder of a 94-year-old woman collapsed in court yesterday and was taken to hospital. The hearing before Portsmouth magistrates was stopped when James Smith began gasping for air. Police lifted from the dock and put him on a stretcher. He was said later to be in a stable condition and would be held in hospital overnight. Mr Smith, of no fixed abode, is accused of the murder of Emily Emms, whose body was found at the murder of Emily Emms, whose body was found at the Homeleigh rest home in Southsea, Hampshire, on Thursday night. He was asked on his arrival in court if he could hear and replied, "Not too bad." He sat on a chair in the dock with his walking stick in front of him.

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Fertility patient is sterilised in blunder by hospital

THE chief executive of a London hospital apologised yesterday to a 25-year-old woman who had been admit-ted for a fertility operation and was sterilised by mistake. An independent enquiry has been launched at the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead to find out exactly how the error happened. It is thought that staff involved have been

John Cooper, chief executive of the Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust, said that the woman was in hospital for gynaecological investigations "and in addition to these investigations was inadver-tently sterilised". He expressed great regret and said that surgeons would attempt to

reverse the operation.

"All possible steps have been put in hand to reverse the sterilisation procedure. In such cases it is necessary to wait for the tissue to recover from the previous operation before embarking on further surgery," he said.

The success rate for reversing the operation using tubal microsurgery techniques is more than 90 per cent, according to the hospital. However, there is no guarantee that the woman, who has requested anonymity, will gain fertility. It is believed that the mis-

take occurred after a secretary misread the handwritten notes of a senior doctor and typed up the wrong instructions for the surgeon performing the operation. The patient, a solicitor's derk, had been regularly at-tending the fertility clinic at the hospital until its closure

Dr Ron Pollock, former regional medical officer at Oxford regional health authority, will head the enquiry.

The royal colleges are being

isked to nominate other members of the enquiry team. The Royal Free Hospital in north London, which became a self-governing trust in April last year, refused to comment on

the suspensions or the circum-stances surrounding the case.

Sterilization involves either the cutting or sealing of the fallopian tubes. Clips are often used to block the tubes. For the operation to be reversed the clips are removed and a small amount of damaged tissue is cut away before the tubes are rejoined. The operation, carried out under a microscope, is relatively simple but tricky because of the fine and narrowness of the tubes.

The clinic at the hospital was one of three centres offer-ing in-vitro fertilisation treatment to women free of charge. Robert Shaw, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology and one of Britain's leading IVF experts, left the clinic because funding was increas-ingly difficult to find. While at the Royal Free he had raised enough money in private ac-search grants to treat about 150 patients a year. When that money was lost and the hospital was not able to persuade the health authority to replace funding, he took up a post at the University of Wales in Cardiff, where there is an NHS-funded clinic.

The Royal Free Hospital was at the centre of controversy earlier this year when a man was murdered while making a telephone call in a hospital corridor. Staff were criticised for falling to recognise gun shot wounds until five hours after the man's death. Glenda Jackson, the Labour MP whose constituency takes in the Pour Jackson Ja the Royal Free, introduced a bill to tighten security in



Making friends: four-year-old Laura Davies, from Eccles, Greater Manchester, feeds the ducks in a Pittsburgh park with her parents, Les and Fran, after being released from hospital. She will live with her parents and make regular visits to the hospital until she completely recovers from a life-saving liver and bowel transplant 11 weeks ago. The family expects another baby in December

Grade attacks 'Alice in Wonderland' BBC

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Grade last night lambasted the BBC with a scathing criticism of its "Alice in Wonderland" market-oriented reforms, obsessive secrecy and "pseudo-Leninist style of management". He said the corporation risked being marginalised out of existence by its own misguided shortterm strategy of appeasing politicians with the jargon of commerce instead

Making it clear that he was speak-ing as a friend of the BBC and a supporter of its public service ethos, the Channel 4 chief executive told broadcasters and programme makers assembled in Edinburgh for the annual television festival that his

nightmare was that the BBC would irrevocably dismember itself to ensure the continuance of the licence fee only to watch the Government continue to cut its funding each year. This great institution would become marginalised and all the human misery resulting from all the cuts become sacrifice in vain. It must not be allowed to happen," he said, calling on the governors to fight for a long-term funding formula that eliminated the "all too frequent and debilitating

egotiations with Downing Street". Mr Grade was delivering the MacTaggart lecture and used the opportunity for what was seen as a thinly veiled attack on John Birt, who replaces Sir Michael Checkland next April as director-general. He said the BBC was "haemorrhaging talent" frustrated by the governors' unwilling-ness to provide any support for programme makers, particularly when they most needed it. "There is talk inside of the 'pre-emptive cringe' but only privately ... staff are afraid to speak publicly unless every word has been cleared by the BBC thought-

He also criticised the governors for demoralising BBC talent with illconceived internal market reforms before taking a knife to the wasteful bureaucracy at the corporate centre. "They don't seem to know the difference between core facilities, surplus fat and bureaucratic excess - all being tackled with the same brutal zeal.

"Producer choice", a policy which from next April will force all BBC units, from studio to make-up, to compete on price and quality against commercial rivals, was a "denial of everything the BBC stands for". Mr Grade said. It would turn programmes into commodities while threatening the existence of whole craft areas, which could devastate rogramme quality.
Mr Grade also criticised the BBC's

new strategy of occupying the "higher ground" with distinctive programmes that are not available on any other channel. He said BBC governors, who have a "low vulgarity threshold and watch precious little television", ignoted at their peril the public's desire to be entertained. He also accused the governors of being unrepresentative and called for the creation of a British television commission to oversee the BBC and independent television.

Widowed mother appeals to Saddam

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE widowed mother of the latest Briton to be held in Iraq spoke yesterday of her fears that she would never see him again. Iris Wainwright was talking 24 hours after it emerged in Baghdad that her son. Michael, had been

arrested for allegedly crossing Iraq's borders illegally.

Mr Wainwright, 41, was held in May after apparently entering the country without a visa. He is thought to be detained in a police station close to the Iraqi capital.

His mother said: "I am 61 now, at the back of my mind is the fear that I will never see him again and that is a terribly upsetting thought. If he was locked away for years i dare say he would survive, but it would be bound to change him and have a devastating effect on him. I don't know how Michael will cope with being imprisoned in an Iraqi cell. Who knows how someone will react in a position like that? I am just hoping and praying that he is not going to be used as a human shield. That is my greatest fear."

She appealed to President Saddam Hussein to free her son now. "Let him come home. It is his 42nd birthday on Monday and the greatest present we could wish for would be to see him safe and sound again. All the family will be together thinking about him on Monday. We are not church-goers but we can pray in our own way and we will be saying a special prayer for Michael on

Mrs Wainwright, who lives at Norland Town, near Halifax, West Yorkshire, said they knew nothing of her son's arrest until a letter arrived ten days ago from his cell. "The Foreign Office is keeping in touch with us, but we are a bit in the dark about what is happening. I feel dreadful, that's the worst part, not knowing what is going on. It's terribly frustrating."

Brush salesman who gave away a fortune

A SHY millionaire who had once peddled lavatory brushes, soap and sponges and died in a fire in June was posthumously unmasked in Minehead yesterday as the anonymous benefactor who gave almost £10 million to more than a dozen needy causes in the Somerset seaside

Ivan Leech, 84, lived modestly and carried on selling "household and bathroom products" even after he inherited a fortune from a distant cousin ten years ago. With no fondness for the high life and a pronounced generous streak, he began handing out money to organisations as diverse as the British Field

paign (£1,960,000). The local football team did well too. Mr Leech, a lifelong fan, posted them a cheque for

Sports Society (£980,400) and

the Cancer Research Cam-

Jim Parsons, his executor,

THE SUNDAY TIMES

'Non' means

the end for

Mitterrand

"A 'No' victory means

Francois Mitterrand,

whether he wants it or

not," said a demoralised

official at the party's

headquarters in Rue de

resignation of the

government would be

pretty much automatic.

On September 20 the

French people vote in the

referendum to ratify

Maastricht. The

increasingly likely No vote would throw not

only France but the resi

of Europe into chaos.

Will they do it? Stuart

Wavell on the mood of

France at the crossroads

In The Sunday Times

the departure of



Ivan Leech: wanted the gifts to remain secret

he said. The brush salesman turned

millionaire had no fondness for fast living or chasing women, Mr Parsons added. gave anonymously and would be a bit cross if he found out he

the great benefactor he was. "Just about everyone bene-fited from his acts of kindness over the years, without the slightest clue who was behind them. He helped all the local sporting organisations —

bowls, hockey, rugby and ten-nis. He had a heart of gold." Mr Leech died in a fire at a seafront nursing home after he dropped a match in his lap and then attempting to douse the flames with brandy. His name is now set to be Mr Leech's son is a lifeboatman so clearly this was

recalled yesterday how his old friend had first reacted to the news of the inheritance. "We sat down and had a glass of whisky. Ivan said he was going to spend the money on local people and needy

He would not have liked all this publicity, he wanted the gifts to be a secret. Ivan always had finally been unmasked as

preserved for posterity. One of his beneficiaries, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. which receives almost £1 million, is to name a boat after him. Edward Wake-Walker, a spokesman for the RNLJ, said yesterday: This is fantastic news. We rely on legacies but we have very seldom received a single donation of this size.

a cause close to his heart." A spokeswoman at Kleenez in Bristol, which employed Mr Leech, said yesterday: "He had worked for us since 1952. He was a very well-known and popular figure. We had no idea he was so wealthy. It's a

complete surprise." Sue Holland, a cook at the nursing home where he spent his final years, said: "He was a lovely old fellow and nobody would have guessed he wa multi-millionaire."

Mr. Leech's beneficiaries after his family and friends

Cancer Research Campaign, £1.96 million; Tuberous Sclerosis Association £1.96 million: Brooke Hospital for Animals, £980,400; St Louis Convent in Minehead. £980.400: Royal National Institution, Lifeboat £980,400: British Field Sport Society, £980,400; John Groom's Association for the Disabled, £490,200; Somerset Health Authority, £490,200; The Children's Society. £490,200; National Children's Homes, £490,200; Quirke's Almshouse Charity in Minehead, £98,000:

Minehead Senior Citizens

Mother in plea for son's kuler

A MOTHER pleaded with a judge yesterday not to jail the drink-driver responsible for her son's death.

Jean Swain said she had forgiven the driver - her teenage son's best friend and knew he had already suffered a great deal. Despite the appeal Judge Christopher Young told the woman he had to take into account public concern over such

The driver, Dean Burdall, 20, of Springfield, Clifford, near Wetherby, Yorkshire, was sentenced to two months in youth custody and was banned from driving for four years after which he will have to re-take his test. He and his best friend were students at Nottingham University's School of Agriculture in Sutton Bonington, Leicester-

shire. Burdall was nearly twice over the legal drink-drive limit when he offered Andrew Swain, 19, and two other student friends - Hanna Stephlewska and Nicholas Sillitto - a lift home from an

end-of-term party. Leicester Crown Court was told the survivors were to say they each had only had two pints of beer to drink earlier in the evening. The B-registration Ford Escort 1.3 car with Burdall at the wheel and Swain in the front passenger seat was seen to accelerate at up to 70mph as it approached a bend on a bridge crossing the river Soar just outside the

Pensioner carried grenades in raid on building society

A MAN aged 74, who was ambushed by armed detectives as he tried to rob a building society, told the Old Bailey yesterday: "I was bloody stupid to try a thing

like that at my age."

Judge Aglionby gave
Charles Cowden a two-year jail sentence, suspended for two years. He told him: "It seems to me that, despite the fact that society's disapproval of this kind of activity has to be marked with a heavy sentence of imprisonment, there are a sufficient number of peculiar factors in your case which allow me to take a course of

The court was told that Cowden, of Kilburn, north London, had staged a raid on the Harpenden Building Soci-ety in Radlett, Hertfordshire, in an attempt to save a sick woman friend from spending the rest of her life in an old people's home.

The judge said that Cowden, who suffered from angina and other ailments, was not a fit man and was providing constant attention for Rosie Hiscock, also 74, who was "grievously afflicted" various medical

conditions. Cowden had pleaded guilty to attempted robbery and to possessing a firearm on May 5 this year. Brian Reece, for the secution, said that Cowden had been armed with an air pistol, two smoke grenades and a knife. The court was told that he had a long list of convictions dating back to

1939, but he had not turned to robbery until he was 70. At first, because of his age, the cashiers had thought that the raid was a joke. Mr Reece said. But when Cowden brandished the pistol and shouted: "This is a raid. Get your hands up," staff activated an alarm. Cowden fled, but outside were

armed police who had been tipped off by an informer. He sank to his knees before the armed officers and pleaded: "Mind my heart. I've got a heart problem. Three days ago I was on oxygen." He told police that he had been "more frightened than the people

hind the counter." He maintained that he had turned to armed robbery for the sake of Mrs Hiscock, with whom he had lived for 20 years. "I thought it would reach the stage where they would say she could no longer look after herself and she would finish up like my late wife, who died in an old people's home," he said. "I thought, 'That is not going to

happen to this one.' After pushing Mrs Hiscock from the court in her wheel-chair, Cowden said: "The judge has been very fair. A prison sentence would have been a death sentence for me and for Mrs Hiscock. I regret that at my age I was so stupid to try a thing like that. The firearm I used was not lethal, but I have been confronted by guns in the Western Desert

and it was not funny." Mrs Hiscock said: "I think the judge was very kind."

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Executive cars put to bed in heartbreak hotel

ignominy for the sacked executive who loses out in the boardroom reshufile when he has to hand back the keys of the company Jaguar. He walks off to join the dole queue but the car, apparently considered a more valuable asset than the failed employee, goes to a pampered rest home to be looked after with tender.

loving care. While victims of the recession run into thousands in the boardrooms of the City, Storacar, a specialised "hotel" for luxury or classic cars. has doubled in size by taking in their redundant transport for

storage.
Allan Cowen, Storacar's managing director, says that more than 20 executive models, such as Jaguar, Mercedes

behind, Kevin Eason reports and BMW saloons, have all

Firms shedding executives cannot

afford to let go the cars they leave

been sent into storage at Storacar's premises at New-port Pagnell, Buckingham-Every time a big company announces cutbacks among its senior managers, Mr Cowen expects a telephone call asking

him to look after another car which has lost its unfortunate executive driver. The trend has very much been that when executives go, the car stays within the comhe said vesterday. pany," he said yesterday.
"With the car market as bad as

it is now it is not in the

interests of companies to try to sell valuable cars such as Jaguars and BMWs. They would not get a decent return why we have had so many

come in lately. They do not cost that much to store and they can be brought out for someone else to use or to be sold when the car market Jaguar's UK sales have dipped from 3,224 to 2,760 this year. Porsche sales have

almost halved, Rolls-Royce's

are down from 333 to 228.

while Alfa Romeo has slipped

from 2.043 to 1,106 in the first seven months.

Now the unwanted Jaguars and BMWs without an executive to sit behind their steering wheels are lined up alongside some of the most valuable cars in Britain, also being held because of the recession. Over the past two years, Storacar has been used by finance companies which have repossessed exotic Ferraris or Lamborghinis from specula-

At the height of the boom, investors funded their expensive purchases with big loans in the expectation of easy profits, only for the market for classic cars to collapse. The banks and loan companies which financed the deals discovered that the cars they repossessed could be worth

half their original purchase price. The only answer has been to store them until after the recession in the hope that there will be a revival in prices. That risk has obviously been

considered by owners of the Jaguar XJ220, the latest highprice car to hit the market. Costing £415,000, the Jaguar is a potentially valuable investment if prices eventually revive. Four owners are understood to have called Storacar to book spaces

air-conditioned premises, where cars are carefully polished, serviced and the engines started daily, have been busy lately. There are about 400 cars in store under the watchful eyes of security guards, compared with fewer than half that number before

nietenal, which Fischer snapped up. Can you see how? Telephone 071-481 4000

Researchers discover viruses in victims of chronic fatigue

SCIENTISTS have discovered a link between chronic fatigue syndrome - so-called "yuppie flu" - and the pres ence in the blood of enteroviruses, members of a group of viruses known to cause

Other studies have shown variations in the electrical behaviour of the brain in patients with the condition. Taken together, the two studies, reported at vesterday's session of the British Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in Southampton, suggest that chronic fatigue syndrome is a condition that, in some patients at least, has a physical rather than a psychological cause. Dr Geoffrey Clements of the Regional Virus Laboratory at



Francis: up to 150,000

Scientists believe that so-called yuppie flu might have a physical cause, reports Nigel Hawkes

Ruchill Hospital in Glasgov said that enterovirus-like fragments previously found in muscle had now also been identified in blood serum. The virus was discovered using the technique of polymerase chain reaction, a means of multiplying short sections of the DNA of the virus. The process enables very small amounts of viral DNA to be detected.

In the blood serum experiments reported yesterday, Dr Clements showed that of 91 patients with chronic fatigue syndrome, 43 per cent (39 patients) were positive for enteroviruses, against only 2.3 per cent of controls. Among acutely ill patients, 20 per cent showed the virus.

The results are insufficiently dear-cut to demonstrate that enteroviruses are the cause of the syndrome, and Dr Clemens claimed only to have detected an association. There are more than 70 types of enterovirus, and they are implicated in many diseases, including polio, cardiac and muscle diseases, and skin rashes," he said.

Dr Stuart Butler of the

Burden Neurological Institute in Bristol reported on studies of the electrical activity of the brain among sufferers from the syndrome. In particular, he found an abnormal signal produced by sufferers after tests in which they had to detect a stimulus and respond to it. That signal, known as the post-imperative negative variation, was prominent in people with the syndrome and absent in those without it. The study was small, involving 20 patients and 20 controls, but the result was statistically

This particular type of sig-nal is found in other disorders. and so is not a specific marker for chronic fatigue syndrome But it does suggest that the brain of sufferers is disturbed. as is the brain of patients with certain neurological illnesses and psychiatric disorders with

an organic cause.
"In properly selected groups, we are now saying that we have strong evidence that something organic is going on in these patients." Dr Clements said.

Francis, yachtswoman who has herself suffered from the disease, said that the evidence confirmed that the syndrome, which she calls myalgic encephalomyeli-tis, or ME, was not a "beiief disorder", as some doctors had claimed. She said she thought that up to 150,000 people suffered from the condition at any one time in Britain.

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Face to face: Alistair Wallace from Southampton with a royal python, which was taken to the British Association meeting yesterday by Marwell Zoo to give children the chance to handle exotic animals

Cockroaches blamed for asthma increase

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

COCKROACHES, new crops and the fungus that causes athlete's foot could be the causes of a sharp rise in asthma attacks, particularly among the elderly, the last day of the British Association's meeting in Southampton was

told yesterday. Stephen Holgate, a clinical Medical Research Council, based at Southampton University, said that air pollution and motor vehicles aggravared the condition today. Modhumid, and full of furnishings in which dust mites, claimed to be the biggest cause of

But he said new substances the health of the sufferer.

that could trigger inflammation of a susceptible person's hungs had been discovered. They included a protein found in the faeces of European and North American cockroaches. Studies were being launched to identify the extent of those sistema triggers, which include the rape plant and athlete's foot fungus.

John Warner, professor of child health at Southampton University, said the rise in asthma has been accompanied by a growth in products claiming to get rid of allergens. He said proper scientific studies were needed to prove whether they were practical and led to an improvement in

President attacks training of doctors

By NIGEL HAWKES

EVIDENCE that British research in the clinical sciences was declining in quality should be taken "very seriousy", the new president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science said yesterday.

Professor Sir David Weatherall, who has succeeded Sir David Attenborough. said British medical research departments were too small and efforts might need to be concentrated into bigger units. Doctors got no credit for taking reseach degrees and medical training in the UK

took too long, he said.

The time had come to reform Britain's "ossified" medical education system. "It takes far too long to train a doctor in this country," the new president said. "In the US, they do it in half the

Sir David commented on evidence made available this week by the Institute for Scientific Information in Philadelphia, which measures the world's output of scientific papers and assesses their quality by counting the number of times they are cited by other scientists. The ISI report sug-gested a decline in the quality of papers in clinical science. Sir David is himself Nuffield Professor of Clinical Medi-

He said: "Our departments were fine 30-40 years ago, but now clinical research is very sophisticated. Some departments are just a man and a boy, and they are simply not enough to cope." He pted that the solution might be to concentrate more of the research effort in fewer,

larger departments.

He was critical of the growth of anti-scientific attitudes. "There is a danger in exagger-ating the benefits of science," he said. "If those hopes are not realised, it can cause disillusion, which in turn leads to a situation where the government becomes cautious about the benefits of science. There was evidence of that in the recent health white paper. The Health of the Nation, which was all about prevention and not about medical science. The idea that basic science doesn't have anything to offer in curing disease, as opposed to preventing it, is a serious danger to the government

The week was described as a huge success by Sir David Attenborough, who said that the association had transformed itself in recent years.

Scientist who ate humble Pi

OF ALL the Englishmen to achieve unpopularity among the French, a Durham mathematician named Shanks must rank highly (Nick Nuttall writes). In 1937, the Palais de la

Découverte in Paris decided to adorn its dome and corridors with 707 wooden figures to mark his achievement in cal-culating Pi to 707 decimal places. Eight years later, it was dicovered that he had the last 180 places wrong, and the monument to his memory had to be pulled down.

They were forced to start all over again. The English were not very popular," Dr Roger Webster, of Sheffield University, told the British Associ-ation meeting in a whimsical

talk tracing mathematicians' obsession with Pi, the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter.

It was an obsession dating as far back as the pharoahs, he said. It had inspired poetry and led to the tombstone of Ludolph van Ceulen, a German, being inscribed with the 35 decimal placings he had calculated in 1610. William Jones, a Welsh

mathematician, was the first to use Pi as the circle symbol, in a publication in 1706. Dr Webster said. He told his audience that Johann Dase, an iliterate born in Hamburg last century, was gifted with the remarkable ability to multiply huge numbers correctly without pen or paper. In

1844, when the world record for Pi was 100 decimal places, Dase doubled it, taking two months to perform the feat.

The first electronic calculation was performed on a machine called Eniac, which took 30 hours to take Pi past the 2,000-digit mark.

The record was now held by the Chudnovsky brothers, of New York, who used a computer to push Pi to 2,260,325,000 places, beating the previous record of just over a billion, held by a Japanese. They built their own computer out of spare parts from a mail order service and it is in their apartment in New York," Dr Webster said. "It needs 25 fans to keep it

Thatcher's role in tobacco industry 'a total disgrace'

FIVE leading medical re-searchers with an interest in respiratory diseases yesterday launched an unprecedented attack on Baroness Thatcher and Lord Armstrong of liminster, former head of the Home Civil Service (Nick Nuttall writes).

They described Lady Thatcher's decision to carry out speaking engagements on behalf of the makers of Marlboro cigarettes and her failure to dissociate herself from a reported \$1 million (£500,000) a year job with the

firm as "a total disgrace".

John Moxham of King's College School of Medicine. London University, said at the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science that smoking would kill about 500 million people on the planet alive today. In Britain, three out of ten people between the ages of 35 and 69 died from smoking related disease and worldwide sales of cigarettes were rising. Professor Moxham said the

risks had been known for 40 to 50 years but the govern-

ment had failed to ban

Thatcher: criticised by

medical researchers

tobacco advertising. The government was opposing European Community proposals covering a ban.

Professor Moxham, whose attack was supported by Dr Stephen Holgate and Profes-sor John Warner of Southampton University, Dr James Milledge of Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, and Dr Paul Corris of the Freeman

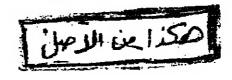
Tyne, accused the government of colluding with the tobacco

He said the most depressing feature was the way that people of influence were hired by the big tobacco firms to help to avoid bans and "pene-

trate Third World markets. "It is why people like Lord Armstrong are on the board of BAT and why Mrs Thatcher has joined Marlboro . . . it is a scandal," Professor Moxham said. "Just imagine, she was the prime minister who appointed people like Waldegrave and the present cabinet who produced a name of the present cabinet was present cabinet the present who produced a paper on the health of the nation. They acknowledged smoking was the key issue ... and she is hired up to promote this product."

He acknowledged that Lady Thatcher had not publicly accepted the Mariboro post. "There has been no denial and there has been no disassociation ... we know she has done a number of speaking engagements on their behalf. There was nobody available to comment at the Thatcher

Foundation last night



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Top grammars point the way to selection in state sector

tive schools lived up to their high academic reputation and rigorous entrance standards in the Times A-level survey. They accounted for all but one of the state schools, achieving an average Universities' Cen-tral Council on Admissions score per candidate of more than 20 points.

The top state school in the survey, the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, achieved an average score of 23.2, with 188 grade As and 129 grade Bs awarded to its 186 candidates. Rowland Brown, head teacher, said that the school's 1,140 boys benefited from its "academic momentum. His-torically, the Royal Grammar School had had a strong academic tradition, which is not simply a feature of the last year or two. This is reflected in the fact that the last three headmasters, including myself, have been members of the Head Masters Conference, although we are a state school."

The school, which selects 180 pupils from 2,000 applicants each year and whose alumni include the philosopher Roger Scruton, was com-mitted to strength in all areas of the curriculum. Single-sex schools, which accounted for all but two of the top 20 state schools, offered an education sheltered from "the distractions of growing up", he said. The grammar schools

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Single-sex schools account for 18 of the top 20 state schools, reports Matthew d'Ancona

compared with their fee-paying competitors is sure to encourage grant-maintained comprehensives to seek a "change of character" from the education secretary to allow them to become selective. However, Geoffrey Taylor, deputy head of the Judd School in Tonbridge, Kent, said it was wrong to make sweeping conclusions about different types of school.

"One can't possibly con-clude that an individual is better served by one particular system. It would be quite wrong to say that comprehensives are bad at dealing with their own kind of intake. So we don't feel arrogant or complacent about the results." Judd, which achieved an average score of 23.0, including 19 grade As in English, was not an "academic factory" and valued music and drama as much as examination perfor-

The top comprehensive in the league table, Hasmonean Boys High School in Barnet, north London, achieved a score of 21.8, only fractionally lower than the three selective

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mance, he said.



Brown: students thrive on "academic momentum"

schools which trumped it. Rabbi Meir Roberg, head teacher, said that the high ranking of the voluntary aided Jewish school should encourage other comprehensives to stretch their pupils. "In this country, one of the problems with education is that people are concerned that it's too demanding. But we shouldn't be worried about being overacademic".

This year's league table, in

which 23 grant-maintained schools achieved an Ucca average of 16.0 or more, will also be scrutinised by parents facing ballots next term on opting out of local authority control.

Bob Balchin, chairman of the

Grant-Maintained Schools

Foundation, said improved results followed if a school had

better resources.

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Westminster sixth formers overhaul rivals from Winchester College

A VINTAGE crop of sixth formers allowed Westminster School to overtake its great rival, Winchester College, to

register the best A-level results in Britain. With independent schools filling the top 40 places in The Times survey of A-level results. competition was intense for the leading places within the sector. Westminster pupils needed the equivalent of three

A grades each to finish on top. David Summerscale, West-David Summerscale, West-minster's headmaster, said:
"We are absolutely delighted.
With probably 70 Oxbridge places and a big improvement in the number of top grades, it is the best we have ever done in some ways. But it has been a steady development, rather than an abertation.

"We do not want to say we are better than anyone else. There are schools doing their job in harder circumstances just as well." He added: "We try to create a climate to enable pupils and teachers to flourish."

Westminster is highly selective, beginning to choose those who will enter at 13 well in advance. Interviews and written tests take place at ten before the final hurdle of interviews and the Common Entrance examination at 13. Sixth-form entry is equally arduous. The school supplements GCSE results with its own tests and interviews to reduce more than 160 hopefuls to about 40.

An analysis of the previous five years' results carried out for the Independent Schools Information Service showed Winchester, in Hampshire, on top, with Westminster third. Both had improved on their previous performance.

Pass rates improved this year in most of the 519 schools John O'Leary finds proof that careful selection and expensive schooling make for the best results



Delighted: David Summerscale of Westminster

supplying results to Isis. The average score for the sector improved by almost the equiv-

alent of one A-level grade.

The rankings confirmed the supremacy of independent schools at A-level. In all schools, one in eight subject entries achieved an A grade, but more than a quarter of independent schools' entries reached the top mark. Independent schools' pass rate was almost 92 per cent, compared with less than 80 overall.

As in the state system, single-sex schools dominated the top places for 1992. Westminster, with a co-educational sixth form, was the only one to break the monopoly. Examination success comes at a

price. Westminster charges more than £11.550 a year for boarders, ahead of Eton and Winchester at £10,800. The top day school fees ranged from £6,450 at St Paul's to £3,270 at Sir William Perkins.

Some famous public schools,

such as Rugby and Hailey-bury, finished lower down the

table. Both finished ahead of all but a small number of state schools. The rankings showed that some of the smaller indepen-dent schools have registered consistently low results. Some lesser-known schools averaged less than three D grades per pupil over the past five years. Other small schools missed

out on a day of glory because

fewer than 40 candidates from the rankings. Princess Helena College, Hitchen, Hertfordshire, with only two candi-dates, would have matched Winchester with its average

score of 29 Ucca points. The others which would have featured in the top 100 are Twycross House, near Atherstone, Warwickshire, which averaged 25.4 points; Tormead School, Guildford, Surrey, 23: Presentation College, Reading, Berkshire, 22.7; York College for Girls, 22.7; St Mary's School, Calne, Wilt-shire, 22.2; Blackheath High School, London, 22; Channing School, London, 21.9; More House School, London, 21.4; and St George's School, Ascot, Berkshire, 21.3. David Woodhead, the nat-

ional director of Isis, said: "We always advise parents that exam results illustrate only one aspect of a school's success, and should be seen in the context of everything else it does. In particular, parents need to bear in mind that schools have very different entry policies highly selective, while others take a wide range of abilities. The differences are bound to be reflected in their exam

The top ten schools in the period 1987-91, with their average Ucca scores, were: Winchester College (26.6); King Edward's School, Birmingham (26.2); West-minster School (25.1); Eton College (24.6); St Paul's Girls' School, London (24.4); Haberdashers' Aske's School, Herts (24.3); Manchester Grammar School (24.2); St Paul's School, London (24.2); North London Collegiate School (23.8); Royal Gram-mar School, Guildford (23.6).

BIBLE TO THE TOP PERFORMING STATE AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS:

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How table measures the results

TODAY'S league table of top independent and state schools is the first time that the A-level results of the two sectors have been compared systematically. It integrates a survey of more than 200 state schools by The Times with information published yesterday by the Independent Schools Information Service.

The intention of the table is not to label schools as good, better and best, but to measure their relative academic performance in the "gold standard" examination, using the scoring system of the Universities Central Council for Admissions (Ucca). Ten points were awarded

for a grade A, 8 for a B, 6 for a C, 4 for a D and 2 for an E. Extra points were awarded for AS marks, ranging from 5 for an A to 1 for an E. General studies was excluded to ensure consistency with the independent schools and only schools with 40 or more candidates were listed.

The use of an Ucca points average per candidate was chosen because it took account of the widest band of

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Working for success: a sixth form A-level student at St Paul's Girls' School

cal decision sparked intense debate among head teachers. who were split on its merits. Some argued that the system unfairly rewarded those

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results, in contrast to other enter their candidates for published league tables which have included only A and B grades. Predictably, this tactified few declined to participate in sector. an exercise, which they regarded as divisive.

Keith Howard, head teachschools which could afford to achieved an average score of

20.0, said that the growing obsession with league tables would disadvantage the state

However, others argued that the use of an Ucca average was sensible given er of Queen Mary's Grammar that schools would soon have School, Walsall, which to publish this information under the parent's charter. .

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Stokesley School, Middlesborough m
Elizabeth College, Guernsey b
Pangbourne College, Reading b
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UN uncovers damage to Britain's forests

REES in Britain are suffering from an alarmingly high rite of defoliation and Eurpe's forests generally are etting sicker, says a United lations report yet to be published.

Surveys were carried out in 2 countries to monitor and ssess the effects of air polluion on forests for a meeting of the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution in Geneva last

In the United Kingdom more than half the trees surveyed are reported as suf-fering from defoliation of 25 per cent or more, by far the highest figure in Europe. However, the report warns against too strict comparisons, since the same criteria are not followed in each

The Forestry Commission in this country, for example, is likely to have used particularly strict measurement standards, but would probably also argue that leaf growth in Britain is naturally thinner than in many other countries. In 1991 and across Europe as a whole, 22.2 per cent of the total sample (about 83,000 trees on 3.800 plots) were

As the United Nations reports on defoliation, John Young looks for the roots of increasing rates of tree decline

suffering from defoliation of more than 25 per cent and were thus classified as damaged. The comparable figure for 1990 was 20.8 per cent, which means that the number of damaged trees rose by 6.7 per cent in a single year.

The increase is even larger in EC countries, the report says. Between 1990 and 1991, the percentage of damaged trees rose from 15.1 per cent to 18.4 per cent an increase of nearly 22 per cent.

Conifers were shown to be suffering more damage than broadleaves, 24.4 per cent compared with 18.5 per cent. In EC countries the comparable figures were 19.4 per cent and 17.6 per cent.

The countries reporting fewest damaged trees were Austria. France, Romania, Spain and the former Yugoslavia. The worst affected besides Britain were Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark. Estoria, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal and Russia. Defoliation in coniferous forests was partic-Europe: among broadleaves, beech in Denmark and birch in Sweden were hadly

Some Mediterranean coun tries, notably Greece and Spain, reported destruction and degradation from fires and drought.

The roost important probable causes of defoliation were reported as adverse weather conditions, insects, fungi, fire and air pollution. Particular attention had been paid to the effects of air pollution, but only little direct impact from known sources was

Some countries considered air pollution as the essential factor destabilising forest health. But the majority regarded it as a factor leading to the weakening of forest

The results of the transnational survey, however, show



Turning a new leaf: a rare example of Pride of India, found on industrial wasteland in Brent, has its vital stalistics entered into a data bank by Nick Mottram for a tree survey of the 33 London boroughs

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a clear trend: a continuing overall deterioration of vitality," the report says. That trend cannot be readily explained by temporary climatic or regional factors. The continuing impact of air pollution was one possible explanation. It is indispensable for

reasons to continue the transnational survey of forest condition in years to come," it adds. The collection of annual

both scientific and political

data was vital for understanding the dynamics of forests. Sulphur dioxide, ammonia and nitrogen oxide could all be important factors.

Liverpool parades in **Midlands**

By PAUL WILKINSON

POLICE on Merseyside : busing witnesses and bla suspects to identity parac 100 miles away in Birmir ham because the local bla population is refusing to p. vide volunteers for line-ups

Lingering resentme against the police after t Toxteth riots in Liverpool years ago is one reason. I Anthony Turner, who orga ises the parades at Ladywood police station in Birminghai said: "Police in Liverpon black community do not fir as many people willing to he them, so they often have count on Birmingham wher black parade is needed."

The West Midlands force one of four in England th uses volunteers recruite through the Alfred Mar agency. Each receives £8. Inspector Terry Hill, Toxteth, said: "We have

smaller black population tha Birmingham and it was dif cult to find people who did n know everybody else. We sin ply couldn't find strangers."

One of Merseyside's diff culties was that each of seven divisions organised own parades and could no call on others for help, mean ing that Toxteth frequent ran out of volunteers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Britain to host mind olympics

Britain is to host the first Mind Sports Olympiad, fea-turing more than 35 mental sports including chess, draughts, bridge and poker.

Medals will be awarded and it is hoped that 15,000 people will take part. Computer technology will be used to make the games visible when the two-week event is held on the estate of Lord Brocket near Welwyn, Hertfordshire.

Exponents of mental sports have pledged their support for the games, including the former world chess champion Boris Spassky.

Shears death

!hilip Hodges, 36, from How taple near Ross-on-Wye, Her-ford and Worcester, bled to eath from a neck wound after slipped while cutting his hdge and fell on his shears.

Hippies held

Plice arrested 12 New Age tivellers in a raid on a camp a Thornbank Place, Bath, Aon. yesterday. They seized mney, imitation firearms ad suspicious substances.

Folice HQ raid

Ptice at Ripley, Derbyshire, ar investigating a theft at thir headquarters when raider cut through the fence of that compound and stole the weeks from a car.

Libel alleged

Aller and Paul Reichmann. hears of the property firm Olyapia & York, have issued a libewrit in the High Court in Lorion against the publishers of 'squire. its editor Rosie Boyott and Leo Heaps, a

Dublin halted

Trffic in Dublin stopped when taxi drivers blocked strets in protest at the grantin of cheaper licences to hakney cab operators.

Bar upheld on claims by Opren patients

HUNDREDS of alleged vic-tims of the banned arthritis drug Opren had their hopes of claiming compensation dashed in the Court of Appeal

of 16 representative claimants were barred from seeking damages against the pharmaceuticals company Eli Lilly because their actions

The claimants, mostly elderly arthritis sufferers, allege that they suffered long-term or permanent side effects as a

The claimants involved in

In a 150-page judgment. Lord Justice Purchas, sitting

said to have sufficient know-

However, the appeal judges ruled that three of the 16 claimants should be allowed to pursue their damages claims. Their lawyers will now study the appeal judges' find-ings and decide if any other claims can be considered.

April when it began coughing.

He removed its muzzle and it

vomited. He was seen by police, and was fined £50 by

magistrates last month for

having the dog unmuzzled in a public place. The magis-

trates also ordered the dog's

destruction. Chris Tehrani. for the dog's

owner, Dianne Fanneran,

said that the matter should be

returned to the lower court to

be reheard with a plea of not

guilty. Judge Evans refused

his application and Mr Tehrani then appealed

against Cichon's sentence, ar-

guing that the £100 penalty

was inappropriate. The judge

substituted a 12-month condi-

tional discharge.

Writer demands law change to save pit bull

HE television comedy write aria Lane demanded a hange in the Dangerous Dogs Act vesterday after a udge said that he had no power to lift an order to destroy an American pit bull

Ms Lane. 57. was at Isle-worth Crown Court, west London, to support Mark Cichon, a dog owner, in his appeal against the order, imposed for removing the dog's muzzle in public when it became ill. The order was stayed to allow an appeal to the High Court

Speaking outside the court, Ms Lane, who runs a charity called Animaline, said that the act was insane. "The government built it in a day out of rotal panie ... it was not properly thought out, but politicians don't like to admit they have got it wrong."

She said that the act made a death sentence obligatory, and called for magistrates to be allowed to which each race on

In a test case ruling, judges decided that 13 out of a total

were launched too late.

result of taking Opren, which vas withdrawn worldwide in the summer of 1982. Its side effects included persistent photosensitivity, a severe and often painful reaction of the skin to sunlight.

yesterday's ruling were representative of hundreds. All launched their actions too late to share in a £2.2 million out-of-court settlement paid to 1,200 people by Eli Lilly in

with Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Mann, dismissed appeals by 13 claimants against rulings by Mr Justice Hidden in January 1991 and March 1992 that their claims were "statute barred" under the 1980 Limitation Act, which lays down strict time limits for starting civil actions.

People wishing to sue for damages for personal injuries have three years to start an action, beginning from the time when they can first be ledge of their injury to justify launching a claim

top on this," she said. "Mur-derers get bail and yet this dog If you've got your heart set on a bigger house, chances are doesn't even get to see its home you're also looking at a mortgage of £60,000 or over. It may seem The court was told that Cichon, 25. was walking Dempsey, his aunt's dog, in Ealing, west London, last like a lot to take on, but that's where the Halifax can help. We're

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Somali warlords hoard weapons as US airlift begins TWO United Nations military observers were wounded yesterday, one seriously, when Somali faction fighters attacked their unarmed vehicle in Mogadishu, UN sources and witnesses said. Several vehicles converged

on the UN car in the southern sector of the divided city, controlled by General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, and opened fire. An Egyptian colonel was shot in the chest at close range and after treatment was expected to be

The attack coincided with a fresh explosion of violence and looting at Mogadishu port, where relief supplies were being unloaded, and with the United States beginning its airlift of food to the

Dozens of Sornali volunteers rushed to unload 100lb sacks of rice and beans donated by Canada and the European Community from the American military transport planes. Four Hercules planes landed in half-hour intervals on the gravel airstrip in this desert town about 250 miles north of Mogadishu. It was once a prosperous agricultural town on the Shebele river, but now 150,000 people are almost entirely dependent of handouts to survive.

Marine Brigadier-General Frank Libutti, commander of the American "Operation Provide Relief", called the first day's flights a success. "So far, so good," he declared.

The arrival of a Hercules is nothing new in Belet Huen. The International Committee of the Red Cross have been Feuding groups are taking advantage of international relief operations to acquire sophisticated weaponry, Sam Kiley writes from Belet Huen

flying food on three flights everyday for three months and Save the Children receives regular supplies. "You are the real heroes of this tragedy," General Libutti, told Fiona O'Riley, an Irish nurse working for the Save the Children, who has been in Somalia for six months.

Meanwhile, Somalia's feuding warlords, fearful that their supplies of weapons and ammunition may run out, have in the past few weeks sent arms buyers in search of weapons. Senior Western dip-lomats in Nigeria and Russia

distribution of new gas masks

against the threat of a chemi-

Israeli military experts are convinced that Saddam still

has as many as 200 Scuds and

up to ten mobile launchers.

Although Iraq would have no

obvious motive in attacking Israel, Moshe Arens, the for-mer defence minister, said this

week that the Iraqi leader was

notoriously unpredictable. So far Saddam has not

responded to the aerial exclu-

sion zone with anything more

lethal than rhetoric. American

warplanes policing the no-fly

zone in southern Iraq have

been dropping leaflets warning Iraqi military command-

ers stationed south of the 32nd

parallel not to switch on their

air defence radar systems. The

leaflets also urge the Iraqis not to fly in the prohibited area. The use by the Iraqis of air

defence radar systems to locate

allied fighters patrolling the

skies over southern Iraq would

be considered a provocative

act, the Pentagon said yester-

day. But as scores of allied

warplanes enforced the ban, a

loomed with the expected ar-

rival in Baghdad early next week of a new team of United

Nations weapons inspectors.

The Iraqi regime has said that it will forbid the inspec-

tors entry into government ministries and has said since

that the ban on its planes in

the south may provoke a complete rethink of its willingness to co-operate with the UN

in any way. Western officials have hinted strongly that any move to prevent the inspec-

tions ordered under the terms

of the Gulf war ceasefire could

result in increased military pressure on Saddam, possibly

the bombing of strategic tar-gets in Baghdad. In addition to the threat of

non-co-operation with the in-

spectors, the Iraqi government has also said that, in the light

of the no-fly zone, it was not

expecting to resume talks on

renewing the agreement per-mitting United Nations guards that broke off last

week. "We are damned if we

do co-operate and damned if

we do not," a Baghdad official said. "Practically, we lose nothing by reconsidering these matters."

In the event of an attack on

Israel, Mr Rabin made clear

that the new Labour-led gov-ernment would retaliate. Avihu Bin-Nun, the officer

who commanded Israel's air

force during the Gulf war, was even more specific. "If even one missile hits Israel, this

time there is no one who can

stop Israel from retaliating fully against Iraq. Saddam knows this very well."

Additional reporting by Jamie Dettmer in Washington

cal weapons attack

have encountered members of General Aidid's United Somali Congress looking for arms salesmen in an attempt to break the United Nations embargo on the sale of weapons to Somalia. An attempt by one, un-named, faction to buy sophis-

ticated weaponry from Arms-corp, the South African arms manufacturer, was foiled by Pretoria. but British-made 84mm anti-tank rocket launchers and ainmunition originally supplied to the Keway to Somalia. The



which holds the chair of the newly-formed Somali National Alliance, an alliance with three other groups, says used by the ousted Nigeria three months ago.
"It seems incredible that

inyone is trying to get arms into Somalia," said a Western ambassador in Nairobi. "At the moment there is very little fighting and security is improving, but if more guns go in then it's inevitable that some kind of final assault may be launched. That would add to the catastrophe."
While the United Somali

Congress relies on a simple quadrangle of trade to obtain arms, other less powerful groups tely on profits from the importation of khat, the narcotic stimulant consumed by most Somali males over the age of 12. Osman Hassan Ali the Congress's "minister the adviser to General Aidid.

president, Mohamed Siad A successful businessman Barre, who fled into exile in overseas, he has cornered the overseas, he has cornered the import trade in khat and fuel to Somalia and hires out of armed guards to the aid agencies. The international Committee of the Red Cross spends \$50,000 (£25,000) a month on armed protection in Mogadishu alone; across the wide areas of the country controlled by General aidid's forces the total figure must be close to \$200,000 a month.

The European Community has contracted Osman to deliver diesel to the water pumping stations which supply Mogadishu, rather than have them looted. As part of the multimillion-dollar contract, he only gets paid for each litre burned by each pumps: none goes missing. Osman aiso controls the importation of fuel to Kismayu.

Another steady flow X money comes from the khu trade Sixteen light aircrit each day land in the airput west of Mogadishu controlld by Genral Aidid's forces, eath carrying at least \$8,000 work of the bitter privet-like leave

In the north of the cit. control led by acting Pre-dent Ali Mahdi Muhamma General Aidid's arch riva eight planes land each da Another eight come in ever day to Kismayu. dominat by the Somali Patriotic Fron under General Omar Je once an enemy of both Presi dent Barre and General Aidid The total khat trade is worth at least \$1 million a month, and some expens say that the figure could be nearer to \$5 million.

Letters, page 13

Christians

in Lebanon

stage strike

Beirnt: Church bells tolled and black flags fluttered in Christian Lebanese areas yes

terday as the first day of a

three day general strike was observed in protest against the

second phase of Lebanon's parliamentary elections (Ali

Two ministers and the House Speaker have resigned, saying that the first phase of the elections was rigged. Christian factions called for

the strike, the second in under

a week, and a "three-day mourning period for slaugh-

tered democracy". They de-manded the cancellation of

last Sunday's voting and the

postponement of the remaining two phases, planned for the next two Sundays, until

after Syria withdraws from

Life came to a standstill in

Christian east Beirut, the

Kiserwan region north of the

capital as well as in towns in the Metin mountains. The

Maronite patriarch, Nast-

allah Sfair, urged the Leba-

nese to organise a civil

disobedience campaign and to

take up "negative resistancetc

foil government attempts to

turn Lebanon into a Syrin

Gag removed

Canberra: The Australan

High Court has rejected he

Labor government's banon paid political advertising on

radio and television duing

elections. The ban was to top

a drain on funds and deck

Annuan: King Fahd of Sudi Arabia has sent a getwell message to King Husai of Jordan, who is recoveing

from a kidney operatio, in the first friendly gesture ince their relations deterionted during the Gulf war. (API)

secret donations. (Reuter)

Fahd relents

Jaber writes).

Baghdad may bar UN weapons team

Rabin warns Saddam against Scud attacks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN NICOSIA

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, delivered a thinly veiled warning to Baghdad yesterday that his government will retaliate against Iraqi cities if President Saddam Hussein fires Soud missiles at Israel again.

Speaking in an interview with the Haaretz newspaper. Mr Rabin tried to soothe growing fears that Israel could again be dragged into a conflict with Baghdad if the imposition by the West of a "no-fly zone" over southern Iraq brings renewed fighting. During the Gulf war 18 months ago, Israel, under

Tunis court

jails 200

militants

FROM ALFRED HERMIDA

of a clampdown on Tunisia's

banned Islamic fundamental-

According to the authorities.

the militants were planning a

series of terrorist acts to

destabilise the state and install

an Islamic republic. One al-

leged plot was to assassinate

After 18 hours of delibera-

tions, a military court sen-

tenced 35 leading members of Ennahda, to life imprison-

ment. They include the move-

ment's exiled leader, Rachid

Ghannouchi, presently living

in Britain where he has app

lied for political asylum.

The other defendants, all

supporters of Ennahda, re-

ceived prison terms from one to 24 years. Nine were acquit-

ted. The sentences are much lighter than expected as the prosecution had called for the

end today.

President Ben Ali.

ist Ennahda movement.

out of the conflict, did not

respond when Iraq fired 39 Scud missiles at its cities. Yesterday, Mr Rabin said: "I do not believe that I rao will fire Scud missiles at I srael.

However, if it does, then Israel has a wide variety of means of action which I will not detail publicly." He admitted that his government was deliberately playing down the affair in an effort not to cause panic and hurt the summer tourism industry and the Israeli economy. As a sign of his confidence that the Israeli public will not be exposed to renewed attacks. Mr Rabin said the govern-

Kuwaitis to vote in

of Islamic fundamentalists in north Africa in years ended yesterday with the conviction of almost 200 Tunisians for Kuwait's state-run news agency said yesterday that the plotting to take power by force. The militants were arrested over the past two years as part

date was set during an emer-Emir Shaikh Jaber al-Sabah, the country's ruler, for approval. The emir is regarded as a reluctant democrat by most opposition figures. There had been fears that he might use this week's imposition of an air exclusion zone over southern Iraq as an excuse to delay further the elections which he had pledged when he was in exile in Saudi Arabia during the Iraqi occupation of his

pointment that the election was not held more swiftly after the defeat of the invading Iraqi forces. The last parliament was suspended in 1986 and in the months before 1990, pro-democracy demonstrations were broken up by

death penalty for 19 of the defendants, including Mr The trial was closely followed by other north African countries threatened by growing fundamentalist movements. International human rights groups expressed concern that civilians were being tried by a military court. A second trial of more than 100 Tunisian militiants is due to

gency session and referred to

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

liamentary elections, the first in seven years, are to be held on October 5 after a decision by the Council of Ministers.

police using tear gas.
Western hopes that women

be restricted to an estimated

ment had not yet begun its October

country.

Western diplomats have done little to hide their disap-Iraq's invasion in August,

might be given the vote as a result of the Gulf war and Western-led liberation have been dashed. The electorate for the 50-seat legislature will 92,000 registered male voters out of a total population of 650,000. Only males over 21 who can trace their ancestry back to 1920 have the



Campaign joys: President Bush reaching out to Nicholas Feazel, ten weeks, during a Republican rally in Cincinnati, Ohio. The White House said yesterday that Mr Bush had cancelled a weekend break and campaign trips planned for the early part of next week

in order to monitor relief efforts in Florida Uamie Dettmer writes from Washington). Mr Bush has faced increasing criticism for allegedly responding sluggishly to the recent hurricane, although Andrew Card, the transport secretary, who is heading a

federal task force overseeing relief operations in Florida, defended Mr Bush from the attacks yesterday. As the magnitude of the disaster sank in, campaign managers have been quick to realise that more than words are needed from the president.

Pretoria police purge

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

A BRITISH expert on policing recommended in a confi-dential report to the South African government that the general staff of the South African police should be dis-manded "like redundant ballistic missiles" as part of the political settlement, it was

The Johannesburg paper, Weekly Mail, said the report by Peter Waddington, director of criminal justice studies at Reading University. was handed to the government a month ago. He was brought to South Africa two months ago

to investigate how the police responded to the Boipatong killings. Hernus Kriel, the law and order minister, detailed a reorganisation of the police force on Thursday. Yesterday it was claimed that Mr Kriel's announcement was not so much a rationalisation programme as a positive response by the government to MT

Waddington's report.

Township tolk A South
African human rights group
said that 6.200 people had been killed and 11,900 wounded in the past two years of township violence. (Reuter)

Briton's report led to | China tells Patten not to alter colony deal

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

CHINA has threatened to dissolve the Hong Kong legis-lature and hold elections when it takes control of the colony in 1997 if Britain tries to introduce more democracy than laid out in the agreed posthandover mini-constitution.

In the most explicit warning yet to Britain not to abandon the principle of "convergence" with the Basic Law, Lu Ping, the director of the Hong Kong and Macau affairs office, said China was not prepared to discuss any big changes to the political deal agreed in 1990. Mr Lu's statement came as

Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, announced he would make his first visit to Peking on October 12 for talks with the Chinese leadership.

Mr Patten has refused to say whether he will try to increase the number of directly elected seats in the 60-member legislature or make other proposals for a faster pace of democratic development when he makes his first key policy speech on October 7. During his China visit, however, he will attempt to break the deadlock over the financing of Hong Kong's costly new airport project.

March for aid San Salvador: Hundres of

former army soldier and guernllas maimed and linded in El Salvador's 12-yer civil war marched togther through the capital to detand a financial and medica aid package. (Reuter)

Bomb alert

London: The Foreign Ofice advised Britons against treeling to Algeria after a bmb killed nine people and inject 128 at Algiers airport. It pld resident Britons to keep a ay from densely populated a as in the country. (Reuter)

Five told to go

Phnom Penh: Khmer Roue guerrillas in eastern Cambdia detained five UN peak keepers before releasing then with a warning not to retur. The five -- police officers are two election officials - wer stopped on Sunday. (AFP)

Boat seized

Suva: A stranded Russian fish ing vessel, the Akademik Kni povich, was seized by cour officials in this Fijian port after claims by the crew of 56 crew that they had not been paid since December. AFP)

Officer taken

Niamey: Soldiers and police have kidnapped El Moctar Incha, the provincial commissioner of Agadez in northeast Niger, after the murder of a police inspector by suspected Tuareg rebels. (AFP)

Tunnel of love

Sydney: A radio station has offered a cash prize and a holiday to the first couple to have intercourse in Sydney harhame new mad hinnel which.

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IN what may be the perfect literary form for the 1990s, a Los Angeles writer has just produced a book that re-tells a variety of well known tales using a selection of the million or so personalised car number plates that are registered in the Greater

Following in the tradition of Georges Perec. who wrote his novel La Disparition without using the letter "e". Daniel Nussbaum has compiled Literary License, which re-tells such classics as the Book of Genesis, Ovid's Metamorphoses and Dr Alex Comfort's The Joy of Sex using a selection of licence plates and adding only punctuation. By Los Angeles law, no personalised number plate can be

longer than seven letters. Here is Mr Nussbaum's version of Sophodes' Oedipus Rex, a rendering one might read in a really speciacular Los Angeles traffic jam:

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A Los Angeles writer has taken literary licence literally, writes Ben Macintyre

Oedipus finds himself in the mother of all jams

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violence in them are illegal."

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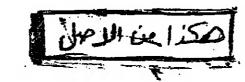
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Relentless artillery barrage takes toll on spirit of civilians

IN THE Holiday Inn yesterday one of the staff broke down. He screamed, cried out in pain and pleaded that the hotel's lights be turned off to avoid the heavy artillery shells thumping down around the building. His pleas echoed painfully through the hotel's anteroom. His colleagues tried

to comfort him. In most parts of the world the battle for Sarajevo has been described as a war. Here, it is called one of the twentieth century's grossest attempts at mass terrorism. There is little logic in attacks on Sarajevo. The Bosnians fire light mortar. The Serbs reply with shells that scream over the city's buildings at night. There can be only one purpose: to break the resistance of a population suffering from shell shock. Sarajevo's inhabitants are

clinging to what they have. The more they are bombed. the more they ding to the banalities of life. Shock and boredom force them onto the streets only to become victims of snipers who will shoot a child willingly, perhaps more willingly than a soldier. A soldier, after all, would fight back. The suffering here is matched only by the cowardice of these cruel attacks.

Ilidze has a somewhat unusual claim to fame: it is the world's most dangerous suburb, an honour it shares with its sister district, Dobrinja. Both ring the burnt-out and desolate no-man's-land which rings the city's airport. Shells thump down on this Serb enclave sited between three Muslim-controlled territories. Snipers work overtime here,

In the past three days Ilidze has been the site for some of the heaviest fighting as Bosnian fighters try to lift the siege of their city. The suburb is strategically vital, it carries the road to Split, which, if opened, could bring troops, guns and food to Sarajevo. Checkpoints and landmines are sprinkled along the road: burnt-out and rusting cars, lorries and coaches dot the main road out of the city. Yesterday, some of the tower blocks lining the route were still ablaze after the

attacks of the past 24 hours.



One had collapsed under the weight of the bombardment. precarious of circumstances. A handful of Serbs had used a lull in the fighting - it never stops altogether, but the target might move a mile up the road - to read the lists of the dead from Ilidze which were pinned to an oak tree and stuck with sticky tape on the side of a telephone booth. All had heard about the London conference agreement although, for obvious reasons, they did

London conference deal just as long as it brings peace." said Andjelka Njejo, 36. One of the main problems which will plague any pro-posed deal would be control of the legion of freelance fighting groups and individual killers. Obrad Popadic, Ilidze's com-

mander, said his troops were

not have time to discuss it on

the streets. Time is not money here, it is life. They were

shelling all night here and all

yesterday as well. I support the



Karadzic accord could lead to Bosnia peace

under disciplined control and claimed that they would follow the instructions laid down by their political leaders. "I'm a soldier. I will obey my commanders," he said.

Some of his soldiers serving on one of the frontlines around the airport disagreed.

saying that they would refuse

to hand back territory to the Bosnian government. "We Serbs have lived here for centuries and we control it now, why should we give it up?" one asked. Regardless of the results of the London conference, these Serbs seem to be playing a waiting game. They control the land and the blockade around Sarejevo is shelling of the city hurts not them but the Bosnian Muslim

civilians. They also know that, should push come to shove. they could destroy the city at an even faster rate if they chose. "In a very short time we could take a major part of that city," the commander said. Sarajevo's factions and freelance killers celebrated vesterday the success of the London conference by bombing sever-

al areas of the city and the United Nations headquarters. A dozen shells flew past my hotel.As the fighting continued in Sarajevo. Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, said in London that a new evenhandedness in the agreement reached there on Thursday could lead to peace. "It is too early to say if the

London conference is going to Thornberry, the senior UN civilian officer in former Yugoslavia. Mr Thornberry was speaking yesterday at a press conference at the UN building in Sarajevo about the London deal.Although information about the shelling and details of the attacks around Sarajevo was well documented, he said, what was lacking was any willingness on the part of those forces to allow UN monitors to observe artillery

The Egyptian general in charge of UN troops here declared that his intention heavy weapons in areas to be monitored by the United Nations." There is a concentra-tion of artillery already in Sarajevo, not in UN areas but in Bosnian buildings. The Serb forces seem to have moved from sporadic shelling to planned bombing.

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Moment's peace: a family peering round their door in Sarajevo during a break in mortar fire yesterday. At least 45 people died in the city in the previous 24 hours

Peace on paper will not deter Balkan gunmen

The London peace plan is unlikely to succeed because of reluctance to use force to impose it, Roger Boyes. East Europe correspondent, writes

The peace plan for former lence its heavy guns but only Yugoslavia worked out in because it has gained the London this week is unlikely to end or even reduce the fighting in the Balkans in the near future. The best that can be hoped for is that while the various warlords adjust their political positions and realign their tele-

code of conduct" eannot be mposed on a war in motion. It is like trying to teach the rules of cricket to a group of Matia dons.

The central weakness of the conference was clear from the beginning. Since neither the United States nor the Europeans are prentervention, there is no way of enforcing the plan. The London conference has not even come up with a mecha-nism of enforcement. Instead, a Geneva-based standing committee will, according to John Major, "ca-jole, negotiate and pressurise". That has not worked so

Some of the problems associated with the London plan stem from this unwillmess to use military force. Others are the result of fluid politics, especially in Serbia, and the practical restraints placed on international orgenisations acting in domestic conflicts. Here then are the chief stumbling blocks to the implementation of the London plan:

☐ The prison camps are to be closed down, but neither the Red Cross nor the United Nations agencies have the resources to take over 150,000 released prisoners. The best that can be done is to transport them to-Croatia, which is already overwhelmed with refugees, or to the West. Either way, the international community would then have contribut-

☐ Increasing the UN and armed European presence not have a significant im-pact until UN officers are powers. The impotence of the UN is seen daily in Sarajevo as blue-helmeted soldiers stand by as house-

wives are gunned down: The UN force not only has to be reinforced but also given a human rights monitoring role. If it hears of an ethnic cleansing operation in progress, it must have the power to intervene.

because it has gained the territory it wanted. Now the to fight back and Serbia will portray itself as a victim and the killing will resume.

Milosevic, the Serbian pres-

ident, appears to be on the wane, while that of Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb will thus be domestic pressure on Mr Milosevic to formalise a carve-up of Bosnia. While the London speeches concentrated on the norms of civilised behaviour", the Serbs and the Croats may have been quiet-

ly cementing a deal at Bosnia's expense. This will emerge soon.

The decision to tighten sanctions against Serbia should have been accompashould have been accompa-nied by an intelligent, uni-form policy towards Bel-grade. Since all members of the European Community and the United States op-

pose the idea of a Greater Serbia, ministers should have devised a way of splitting its most fundamental component, the alliance between Serbia and Montenegro. More active diplomacy needed to encourage rate road out of the crisis. And the Beigrade opposi-tion should have been given some encouragement by the crucial to ensure that Mr Milosevic's successors are pro-Western and firmly against military expansionism. Western policy towards Serbia is too passive; to isolate Mr Milosevic is not in itself sufficient.

The conference failed to

previde an adequate safeguard for Kosovo, the un-happy Serb-dominated province of mainly ethnic Albanians.

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Few expected the London Its main accomplishment will probably have been to communicate the West's sense of impatience and outrage to the rather insular Serbian leadership. Until now the Belgrade regime has been convinced that a small group of Western countries, with Germany in the vanguard, is influencing an otherwise indifferent world community. That impression must now have been dispelled and the hope - still very slender - is that the Serbs will soon make a

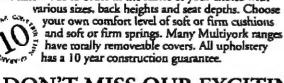
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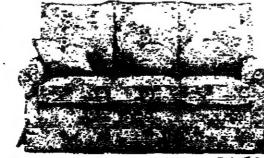
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Washington failed to heed Bosnia defender

FROM REUTER IN WASHINGTON

THE State Department's for-mer acting chief of Yugoslav affairs said yesterday he resigned to protest against the lack of US intervention in the former Yugoslavia.

George Kenney said he believed the US should arm Bosnians, provide air cover to stop Serbian air attacks and destroy Serbian heavy weap-ons. He resigned on Tuesday after four years at the State Department and a month in his latest position.

He said his efforts to convince the department to take a firmer stance against the Serbs siege of Bosnia were frustrated by an administra-tion that did not want to get involved in the Yugoslav conflict. "The Bosnians are really the poor innocents who got mugged," Mr Kenney said. "What we could do, what we should do, is arm the Bosnians, allow them to defend themselves, allow them to protect their remaining territory and allow them to try to recover territory which has been forcibly taken from

Mr Kenney discounted the results of the two-day peace. US POLICE

conference in London this week which world leaders hailed as a breakthrough in the war which has killed nearly 9,000 people in Bosnia. The conference has in effect given the Serbs a green light to nish what they are doing."

He said that in the absence of world sanctions it was doubtful that Serbs would honour the peace agreement or their promise to turn over heavy artillery within a week. Early reports from Sarajevo showed that warring factions had paid scant attention to the talks and were continuing to exchange fire.

Based on information he received over the past few months, Mr Kenney said there was no doubt in his mind that Serbian forces were responsible for the conflict. One of Mr Kenney's biggest

disagreements with senior officials was their reluctance to consider credible reports by the media and refugees of the situation in Bosnia and their refusal to send in US observers

Tragic village bids civilisation goodbye

IN HIRTKOVCI, VOJVODINA

HRTKOVCI. sprawling in

the fertile plain of Srem. vividly demonstrates the Yugoslav tragedy. Until a few months ago it had a popula-tion of 3,500 with Croats in the majority. Mixed marriages were commonplace. People had lived there peacefully for more than 300 years. But the arrival three months

ago of Vojislav Seselj, the leader of the Serb extremist Radical party, brought an end to harmony. Since then, armed squads of young men. mainly Serb refugees from Croatia, have been terrorising the population, particularly the Croats, ordering them to leave or face death.

Today most Croats have moved out. The few. mainly

ETHNIC CLEANSING thousand Serb refugees have prayed. The school director arrived from western Slavonia in Croatia, where their homes

refuge. Ostoja Sibincic, the village leader, whose arrest was ordered this week by the rump federal government of Milan Panic as part of moves to stamp out "ethnic deansing", is regarded by the refugees as a good man who has helped them. They are threatening to hold a protest rally tomorrow unless Mr Sibincic is released.

were destroyed. Recently Bos-

nians have arrived in search of

The Catholic church is closed. So is the priest's house. Local people who did not want to be identified said that two months ago armed men en-tered the church during Mass and cat at the hack charmening

said threats to Croat and Hungarian children were re-The Serbs wanted to change

the village name to Srboslavci (Serb Glory). The name Hrtkovci was first registered in the 15th century and appeared on the map in 1714. A professor whose family has lived there for 300 years said: "We do not know whether it is of Serb, Croat or even Albanian origin. But for a civilised people at the end of this century, this should be irrelevant. The culture is created on foundations and not on

An old man pushing a bicycle stopped to say that he had moved into an empty house "temporarily". He_did_

Croatia had been burned down. He found the local population - Serb, Croat and Hungarian - hostile. "I say hello on the street and they look at me with contempt. No one respects us or helps us. Sibincic is a bit rough but he

has been good to us," he said. Branka, the village hair-dresser, is a Croat married to a Serb and both families have lived there for centuries. "Everybody is frightened to talk. We used to live happily together. We could never even imagine that someone will split us apart and that it will become important who is of what nationality," she said.

She is curling the hair of a young woman. Mirna came from Rijeka, an Adriatic port in Croatia. She is a Serb but she says proudly: "I am different from those in Bosnia. I was

French rebuff of treaty could derail Mitterrand's European ambitions

Maastricht rebels seize six-point lead

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN PARIS

FRENCH opponents of the Maastricht treaty were drawing ahead last night in the referendum campaign on ratification of monetary and political union in the European Community. An opinion poll released in Paris showed the "no" campaigners on 53 per cent to the government-led FRENCH "yes" campaign's 47 per cent. Defeat in the ballot in three REFERENDUM weeks would doom the treaty.

Five opinion polls earlier this week showed support for delicious moment of the treaty in decline. The latest, of 804 people, was Postwar France saw the reported yesterday by Le creation of the European Parisien. The recent surge of support for the treaty's critics is

an astonishing reversal and President Mitterrand must

now confront the real threat of

an unprecedented rebuff over

his government's European

policy.
The Maastricht treaty, a

monument to a new Europe

sculpted with care by the

Community's leaders, turns

out to have feet of clay. Only a

handful of peripheral govern-ments have ratified it without

fuss. In Copenhagen, London and Paris, politicians have lost

their ability to predict or persuade voters. In other capi-

tals, pressure to rewrite it is building up. Hesitations in Britain or Denmark could be

written off as the traditional

reluctance of two European

latecomers. But the astonish-

ing possibility that the French

people may stop the treaty in its tracks on September 20

discloses a worry that runs far

deeper. French presidents consider themselves the drivers of the

European train. The common agricultural policy has been, as Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the

former president, once put it, the "green petrol" of the country's economy. The "French soul" will not refuse

Community as the best way since Napoleon to shape the Continent to its own design. Despite its postwar recovery. Germany was guilt-ridden, Britain was losing an empire and had not yet found another role. Stalin sliced Europe in half, leaving a Western side small enough for France to feel secure in its prestige and influence in the six-strong EC of the 1950s and 1960s.

For three decades the French political class could afford to be ambivalent about what its members call la construction Européene. Some sovereignty was given up and parts of the economy were opened to foreign compe-tition. But that was a bearable price for the resuscitation of the French state and for confining the reborn West Germany in a web of common

French governments did not have to decide between Europe and France they could have both at the same time. Ambiguous European policy drove up the odd cul-de-sac. In 1954, the French national assembly was asked to ratify a treaty establishing a European (essentially Franco-German) army. Then as now, the debate split political

Maastricht, one French minis-M Mitterrand, the rising ter said recently. young socialist star who was minister of the interior, ab-Britons traditionally have found such French superlority infurlating. Now, watching stained in the vote that de-France's lofty government stroyed the bill. Three years ministers in the midst to avoid later he changed to the winning side to vote for the Treaty a national humiliation must be giving John Major and of Rome that established the EC. Roland Dumas, his ally.

voted against. M Dumas has travelled a long way since those days. He is now foreign minister and busily recruiting opera stars for the "yes" campaign's grand pre-referendum gala concert.

He and M Mitterrand are pushing the worn-out analogy between the EC and a bicycle: if the Community does not keep moving, it falls over. If integration is not tightened. Germany will dominate Europe. France, government ministers say, will be alone in a diplomatic wilderness. German unification, the

creation of the single market and uncontrolled immigration have the French worried. The years since 1989 have seen a national "psychosis" of anxiety, M. Mitterrand once said in an unguarded moment. Another way of putting it would be to say that, since the end of the Cold war, France has suffered a prolonged nervous breakdown.

M Mitterrand wants to damp Western Europe in a new treaty on political and monetary union. Germany would be locked inside and Eastern Europe would just have to wait on the doorstep. He may in the end get his majority in the referendum, but the campaign has revealed the uncertainty in many French minds over Europe.



Battle lines: Philippe Seguin, left, and Charles Pasqua launch their campaign against Maastricht. Polls indicate growing support for a "no" vote

PEOPLE

Bardot to sue over magazine pictures

Brigitte Bardot plans to sue Japan's former prime minisseveral publications, including the Italian magazine Hola and the Italian magazine Novella 2000, for invasion of

privacy, her lawyer, Gilles
Dreyfus, said.
Bardot, 57. is also suing the
French weekly Voici, from
which she is seeking £25,000 damages. The magazines pub-lished photographs in August, taken with a telephoto lens, of Bardot and a friend sailing off Saint Tropez on a yacht be-longing to the French Nat-ional Front leader, Jean Marie Le Pen. M Dreyfus said Bardot was suing on two counts alleged invasion of her privacy and violation of her right to authorise any use of pictures taken of her.

Russia plans to return art treasures seized at the end of the second world war from Germany in exchange for help in restoring St Petersburg palaces, according to the Russian minister of culture, Yevgeny Sidorov. The daily newspaper Kuranty said he had announced the setting up of a government commission on the return of cultural items "held illegally by Russia".

being absent from the public

eye for months. State tele-

vision showed him receiving

China's hardline vice-president, Wang Zhen, 84, who had been reported critically ill, appeared on television after

ter, Kakuei Tanaka, the man who returned relations with China to normal 20 years ago.

The governing South Korean Democratic Liberal Party elected its presidential candi-date, Kim Young-sam, 64, as its new leader, replacing President Roh Tac-woo.

The Italian pop singer Loredana Berte has with-drawn a complaint made to police that her husband, the former tennis star Bjorn Borg, failed to support her, the Milan daily Corriere della Sera reported. Police said officers who might be able to confirm the report were not on

The Japanese prime minister, Kiichi Miyazawa, accepted the resignation of "kingmaker" Shin Kanemaru as vicepresident of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. Mr Kanemanı, 77, offered to resign after admitting receiving money from a firm at the heart of a scandal that could lead to more resignations.

Daniel K. Ludwig, 95, the son of a cargo ship captain who became one of the world's richest men, has died in Manhattan. He owned about 60 occangoing vessels at the height of his shipping career.

Protesters raise fear of Rostock street riot

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

AN EXTRA 3,000 riot police have been sent to Rostock in an attempt to prevent a violent clash there today between leftwing protesters and rightwing extremist thugs. The reinforcements, dou-

bling the strength of the force in the city, have been sent amid complaints that police failed to act firmly enough last weekend to stop skinheads attacking a refugee hostel and to prevent five nights of rioting and vandalism. Security officials fear a battle could break out during an anti-racist demonstration due to take place today, ostensibly to protest at the way in which the skinheads succeeded in forcing the authorities to evacuate the refugees from the hostel.

The left-wing protesters, who have called the demonstration, make use of such occasions to continue their long-running violent feud with the police and they are believed to be spoiling for a fight. They are well prepared and have been distributing detailed maps of Rostock among anarchist groups so that those taking part know escape routes and can fix rendezvous points. By late yesterday afternoon, police in Berlin said they knew over 1,000 left-wing extremists had left the capital for Rostock. while hundreds more were believed to be arriving from many other cities.

The right-wing thugs meanwhile, appear to have either run out of steam after five violent nights on the streets or else are regrouping for a confrontation today. Many have been collected by ambulances, too drunk to stand, while the number of arrests dropped from 146 on Wednesday night to just eight on Thursday night.

In Rostock, the state parliament met in emergency session to hear Lothar Kupfer. the interior minister, admit that the police had been poorly equipped to face the first rioting, but he denied that they had been politically motileeway to the neo-Nazi stone-throwers vated in allowing too much



Craxi: causing strain in party

Craxi accuses judge

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

BITTER attacks by Bettino Craxi, the Socialist party leader, against the magistrate leading the Milan corruption investigation are creating umrest within the party. Signor Craxi began the assault with editorials in the party newspaper, Avantil, suggesting that Antonio di Pietro was not the popular hero he was made out to be. Yesterday, he told Panorama magazine: "We cannot pretend not to see and not to hear what is being said about relations of friendships between Judge Di Pietro and some of the defendants." Not everyone in the party is satisfied, however. Carlo Ripa di Meana, the environment minister, said: "Even if some surprising element against Judge di Pietro. were to emerge, like a rabbit from the secretary's hat, the logic of the

strategy still escapes me."
Signor Craxi's latest attack came as newspapers reported the arrest of two close collaborators of his brother-in-law, for-mer Milan mayor Paolo Pillitteri. They also re-ported that the Milan magistrates had ordered an investigation into the bank accounts of numerous defendants and their relatives, among them Signor Pillitteri and his wife, Rosilde Craxi.

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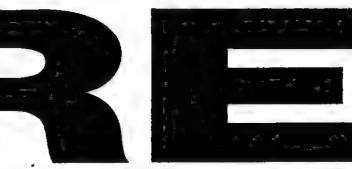
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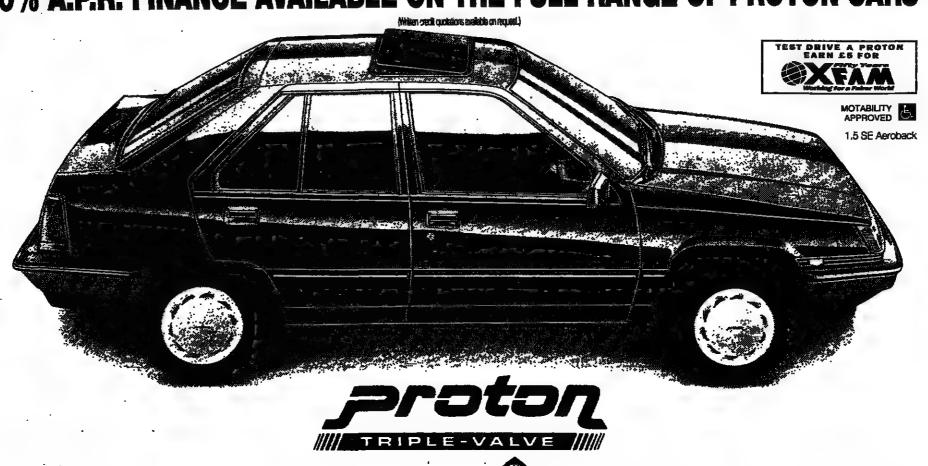
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Clifford Longley

Beware this meeting of fringe Muslim fanatics

body calling itself the Muslim Parliament will be on the receiving end of much media attention this weekend. It will also be on the sending end. A talent for the tendentious manipulation of public relations has proved this organisation's greatest strength. Its very title is a stroke of genius, forcing even its critics to use a name which makes it sound important. The Muslim Parliament is not in any sense a representative body for Britain's Muslim population. It was founded by an extremist faction whose primary purpose is to obstruct the integration of Muslims into British society. Membership is openly for sale. It will not quote a single price, but speaks of "between £150 and £500" per member.

One of its techniques is to lead the press, and hence the public, into believing that the Muslim population is more discontented and extreme than it really is. Unfortunately, some sections of the press and public are all too ready to believe that. To take the Muslim Badismont at foresteen in the first press. take the Muslim Parliament at face value is to fall into a trap of racial and religious stereotyping, with built-in reinforcement. On this occasion it is a trap

deliberately set by the apparent victims of the prejudice, for sinister purposes.

The Muslim Parliament is holding its summer meeting at Kensington town hall today and tomorrow. The publicity it receives will all be hostile, ranging from the supercilious distaste of television and the quality papers to the robust harred of the tabloids. It will stir murky Yugoslav waters, hoping to portray the plight of Bosnia as a Western Christian anti-Islamic plot. And it will portray the British Community Relations Commission.

mission in similar terms. A document to be debated at this weekend's meeting says the commission is engaged on behalf of the British

government in a conspiracy to divide, rule and oppress the British Muslim community. Religious paranola — the view that everybody's band is turned against British Muslims — is part of the ideology the parliament tries to promote. It is a separatist view of the world, with no shades of grey, in which those who are not Muslims are bound to be against them. There are many factions and frictions among British Muslims. Imagined conspiracies provide an easy alibi for this confusion. Salman Rushdie's The Satanic Verses is the most famous of these alleged conspiracies,

as a Zionist-Jewish plot against Islam.

Already the Muslim Partiament's affairs are tinged with anti-Semitism. One of Dr Kalim Siddiqui's lieutenants is Dr James Dickie, a convert Scotsman also known by his Arabic name of Yaqub Zaki, who was recently reported as saying the Nazi Holocaust did not happen and urging Muslims to support David Irving, the neo-Nazi "revisionist" historian.

and leaders of the Muslim Parliament describe it

hese are not the views of the majority of Muslims in Britain, according to those who know them best. What the leaders of the Muslim Parliament found most useful about the Rushdie affair was the opportunity it created for fringe fanaticism to gain a toehold in the British Muslim community. In certain circumstances — of which this was one - the competitive advantage goes to the most extreme. If it is having only limited effect in Britain, that may be because the British Muslim community is disorganised and has poor internal communications.

If it is not careful, the British press will make good that deficiency, unwittingly promoting the Muslim Parliament's interests by publicising it as if It were significant and representative. The parliament is the creation of Dr Siddiqui and some of his associates at the so-called Muslim Institute in London. Dr Siddigul is now the selfappointed mouthpiece of the hardline Shia leaders of Iran, and part of his platform is the denigration of and opposition to Iran's traditional opponent in the Muslim world, Saudi Arabia. Dr Siddiqui was for a while a sub-editor on The Guardian, which may be where he acquired his considerable skill as an exploiter of the British media.

The Muslim Parliament does not believe in freedom of speech for others, having sworn itself Salman Rushdie's mortal enemy. Hypocritically, it claims that freedom for itself. It may not be enough simply to use the word "parliament" in inverted commas, as some newspapers do, or describe the body as "non-elected". The impression given is still of a body which is more or less what it says it is. The press must learn to apply to the Muslim Parliament the same insightful restraint that it applies in reporting the affairs of, say, the National Front.

Sir Claus Moser's education commission has produced only platitudes so far, says Matthew d'Ancona

than a million teenagers have received the GCSE and A-level results that will plot their future paths and carve their niches in the educational and professional marketplace. By co-incidence, this red letter week for schools also marks the second anniversary of Sir Claus Moser's formidable attack on the British education system. Sir Claus, the distinguished warden of Wadham College, Oxford, then claimed that "hundreds and thousands of children have educational experiences not worthy of a civilised nation".

Should this minor milestone be a cause for celebration? Sir Claus's speech to the British Association in August 1990, an impassioned if generalised call for "an informed society" and a Decade of Education", seemed to touch a nerve of anxiety in the British psyche, competing for days with the Gulf crisis in the pages of the press and prompting hundreds of suppor-tive letters.

Wanted: hype and heresy

a royal commission had been rejected by ministers. But this stance was shrewdly moderated last August by John Major, who sensed a natural ally in the battle for a classless society and so endorsed Sir Claus's unofficial National Commission on Education (NCE). Chaired by the engaging Lord Walton and funded by El million from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, the commission has toured the country and issued a series of worthy briefing papers, notably on the skills deficit, "value-added" measurement of school performance.

and education beyond 16.
All have been respectfully received and politely commented
upon. Yet none has made the splash or even the ripples that might have been expected of an enterprise which began with such impetus. Two years after its

without trace.

Some have grambled that commissioners such as Helena Kennedy have a politically correct axe to grind. But the true irony is that within a year of its creation, Sir Claus's troubleshooting brainchild seems to have become as inward looking as the education establishment whose mistakes it was set up to correct.

Twice in the past six months, I have listened to senior commissioners explaining the NCE's work to high-powered audiences by taking them through the fine print of its various working groups and committees, as if the medium were the message. But who cares about the internal organisation of a body that will wind up next year? The real question is, what does it all

of vitality. It is fair to stick to a fixed brief and a timetable, provided one keeps an eye on events. Last month's white paper, for instance, proposed a structural revolution to match the reforms of the 1944 Butler Education Act and the comprehensivisation programme of the 1960s, smoothing the path for all schools to become grant-

Yet on the key issue of opting out — which is perhaps the most important to face parents since 1945 — the commission has chosen, extraordinarily, to sit on the fence, murmuring that schools must decide for themselves. This, frankly, is like an ambulanceman telling an iniured patient to find his own way

back to casualty.
Similarly, the commission's

Topicality has been the latest briefing paper, written most obvious victim of this loss by the Oxford educationist A.H. Halsey, fastens promisingly upon the massive expansion of the universities and the vagueness of the government's fund-ing plans, but trails off with the limp admission that "the shape and size of higher edu-cation...in AD 2000 is still unclear". With a shrug of the shoulders, Sir Claus's call for a prescriptive vision has given way to descriptive platitudes from all-too-familiar quarters of the

education world. More than any other area of social policy, education requires the kind of creative, independent dissent which interest groups and Downing Street advisers cannot be expected to provide. But the first year's work by the tum that commissions (royal or otherwise) bury as many prob-

lems as they solve. What is badly needed at a time of radical change is a new blueprint, a common point of reference of the stanire of the Plowden Report or the Black Papers, the two demons which have vied for the soul of British education for more than two decades.

When the first of the five counter-revolutionary Black Papers was published in 1969. Ted Short, Labour's education secretary, described it as "the blackest day in British education for a century". By contrast, the NCE's pronouncements have raised barely a squeak from Whitehall or Westminster. Where is the scare, the hype, the heresy? Picking up the gauntlet cast down at Swansea two years ago. Michael Fallon, then the education minister, scoffed that the call for a commission was "the last tired throw of those whose system has already failed us". Sir Claus and his colleagues have until next year's result-slips arrive to prove him wrong and justify the Hamlyn Foundation's

Getting London streets ahead

Marcus Binney on his designer plan for our ugly thoroughfares

oughfares are an architectural disgrace. With a few noble exceptions such as Piccadilly, most give the impression of one of those children's party drawings where everyone has added a bit without seeing what the last person drew. Of course Cromwell Road, Euston Road, Kensington High Street, Notting Hill and even Baker Street have good buildings, sometimes new as well as

old, but usually it is the eyesores that stand out, the latest being the multistorey human car park housing St Stephen's Hospital in Fulham Road. The processional

routes to Bucking-ham Palace are the greatest letdown. It is hard to imagine the Prince of Wales as king wanting to take visiting heads of state down the concrete canyon of Victoria Street.

To address this problem, English Heritage has produced a masterly townscape analysis of the Strand, highlighting eyeand contribution of every building in the street.

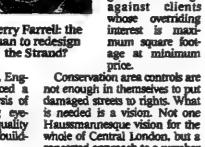
The irony is that behind famous thoroughfares such as the Strand, Shaftesbury Avenue and Oxford Street lie some of the most attractive and jealously protected quarters of London: Covent Garden, Soho and Mayfair. They have survived thanks to conservation area control, which has not only largely protected older buildings of value, but has increasingly ensured that new buildings are both sympathetic and imaginative.

Of course large parts of Oxford Street and the Strand are in conservation areas, but the boundaries are kinked as if to

exclude, by disdain, any ugly development or gap site. It is on precisely such sites that a sensitive guiding hand is needed when redevelopment comes. English Heritage therefore proposes designating the Strand a conservation area in its entirety, including such landmarks as the Strand Palace Hotel.

Some architects, such as Michael "conservation has gone too far" Manser, former RIBA president, will argue that too much of

> protected. Yet since Nicholas Ridley made a bonfire of aesthetic controls, a conservation area is the one place where planning committees can insist on better quality new buildings. Some architects find this gives them leverage against clients whose overriding interest is maximum square foot-



concerted approach to a number of major streets. This cannot be done by committees. When the orchestra is out of tune, what is needed is a vigorous conductor. And at present Britain is rich in first-class architects who are capable not only of designing good new buildings — adventurous, modern and sensitively contextual - but of acting as master planners and working in unison with other architects on neigh-

bouring sites.

Playing architectural Monopoly, I would hand the Strand to Terry Farrell. With the masterly reconstruction of the grand Victorian railings in front of Char-



Conservation is not enough: we need master planners to guide the redevelopment of ceremonial routes like the Strand

ing Cross station and other but it is likely to remain a already proved that he has the keen eye and robust approach needed. To him could safely be whether to allow demolition of Denys Lasdun's 1950s New South Wales House and the mighty but run-down Cecil Hotel (once the largest in London) next to the Savoy, which Shell UK is seeking to replace.

Victoria Street is easy too. The drab department of Trade and Industry, which blights West-minster Abbey, should be re-placed by Nicholas Grimshaw's Seville Expo pavilion, its assonishing waterfall façade proclaiming the adventurousness of British architecture. Most of Victoria Street, including the now dated egg-boxes framing Westminster Cathedral could go without many a tear being shed,

modern street and Grimshaw is the man to ensure this is done with panache.

His design for a new office tower in Frankfurt, in which every third floor has a garden, suggests he could create the 1990s counterpart of mighty Selfridges, in which whole department stores are transparently open to the street on every floor.

o Sir Richard Rogers should go the task of making Tottenham Court Road the crowdpulling all singing, all dancing of entertainment and bright lights. For Shaftesbury Avenue, the master of the revels should be Ron Herron, who floodlit the Lloyds building so brilliantly. Knightsbridge and

Brompton Road require a subtle hand, but also a masterly replacement for the ghastly grey slab of Bowater House. Michael Oxford Street should be as-. Hopkins has shown with his deft Times building that he can build boldly but sympathetically among existing buildings of

strong character. Notting Hill Gate could be approached with a lighter touch. The man to identify the genius loci and respond demurely or sensationally — but always styl-ishly — is Piers Gough. For Baker Street a wizard is needed. sensitive to the virtues of the few remaining Georgian houses but dever enough to respond interestingly to the anodyne blocks of Marks & Spencer and Abbey National. The answer must be Ted Cullinan, whom the National Trust chose, to widespread acclaim, to tackle the delicate

task of building a visitor centre for Fountains Abbey.

In Bond Street, where the quality of existing buildings is generally high, the task of findfew poor fronts should be given to John Outram, the one man who can match the intricacy and

richness of the Victorians. Tongue in cheek? Yes, but only partly. Ten years ago, any proposal to set leading architects loose on London's streets would have created a battleground between old and new. But today fewer architects design without regard to context. A series of recent projects, the Royal Academy galleries, the new stand at Lord's cricket ground, additions to the Imperial War Museum and the transformation of Liverpool Street station, shows that architects can work imaginatively with older streets and buildings.

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...and moreover PHILIP HOWARD

The best slang comes from America, because there are more of them manufacturing the stuff over there and they are less hidebound by obsolete linguistic etiquette. Americans are still the envied models for the world, from Japan to Nigeria, so it is smart to pick up their lingo as well as their music and junk food. We get the slang slightly wrong.

A phrase that is widely coming

in in commercial and advertising circles, is "where he is ing from", which sounds slick but puzzles the British, who are too shy to ask. This is a phrase from Black American, adopted by trendies, and all it means is what someone means. what he is getting at. Here is a writer called W.T. Tyler. "He doesn't know where this guy is coming from." I think it is just a street slang metaphor, and related to the cognate where he is at", which means someone's essential nature, current value system, attitudes, and all that stuff. Here's The New York Times: "It might make sense in evaluating where you are all at." And Rolling Stone: Everything from Woodie Guthrie to the country blues. That's where I'm at."

It is still showing-off for a Brit to use such phrases. But if she is going to, she should try to use them roughly in their native sense, if she wants to keep her dignity unpricked. Both phrases have hints of Californian

Another piece of American wall between the wall has ears, recognise that the slang that is rolling around the plain has eyes; everyone gives comes from America.

Britain, bouncing off conversa-tions and pieces in the papers like a ball-bearing in a pinball machine, is "off the wall". It is the slang of the week. It is rare to meet it used correctly.

This is because it has two

separate meanings in the States. In the first instance it means unusual or outrageous, as in "his off-the-wall sense of humour", and carries the same implications as oddball and off-beat. Somebody, who sounds like a melancholy existentialist, wrote of "the totally off-the-wall absurdity of existence". The second meaning of off-the-

wall is mad, crazy and off one's nut. Battiness is one of the biggest departments in the slang lexicon, after sex and money, from Ronny Reagan's initially puzzling "Loony Tunes" to "out to lunch" to "not playing with a full deck" to "Harpic" (clean round the bend).

As usual with slang, it is difficult to pin down the original metaphor in off the wall. But perhaps it comes from the erratic angles at which balls bounce off the wall in such games as squash. rackets, and the American version of fives called handball. It may also have been influenced the hospital and Army slang of "bounce off the walls", referring to the behaviour of psychotic patients. A phrase that can mean anything from eccentric to out of left field must be used

with caution. Americans are good with wall phrases: relatives are best with a wall between; the wall has ears,

is gratifying, because "wall" is one of the oldest words in our common English language The pronunciation shows that the Anglo-Saxons had borrowed the word from Latin before they invaded England. They were the only Germanic tribe to take words from Latin, and the words they took before their migration to England retain the more "classical" pronunciation of W, corresponding to the Latin V. The Anglo-Saxons did not have a letter V. Examples are "wall" from the Latin vallum, "wine" from vinum, and "pillow" from pulvinus. Later borrowings, after the Anglo-Saxons had invaded England and invented V, have a vee pronunciation instead of the W. For example, "fan" from the Latin vannus, and "fiddle". the ancestor of our viol and violin, from the Latin vitula. Besides having the best walk-on part in the theatre, played by Snout the Tinker, Wall has deep and off-the-wall roots in It used to be fashionable for

the British to sneer at American English. Sam Johnson called Americans, "a race of convicts who ought to be thankful for anything we allow them short of hanging". And Coleridge, complaining about the "vile and barbarous word talented, observed that "most of these pieces of slang come from America". As a matter of fact, it came from Britain in 1422. Good writers and pseuds alike today recognise that the best slang

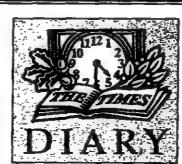
Into the lion's den

THE EC summit at Edinburgh in December — the crowning moment of Britain's presidency — has been hit by division already. The Foreign Office and local authorities in the Edinburgh region have experienced a little local difficulty in agreeing on the summit logo.

The FO. anxious to encourage local involvement, backed an attempt by a consortium of Scottish local authorities to come up with a new mascot to be used on the front of the 200,000 glossy brochures being produced for the event. Now the FO must be wishing it had stuck with Rory the Lion, the British presidential logo which was unveiled by Douglas Hurd

The councils commissioned the Scottish artist Calum Colvin. He produced a caroon figure with lightbulbs sticking out of his bag-pipes and Scottish football club paraphernalia dangling from his sporran, surrounded by graffini such as "All right Jacques". Only a can of lager was missing from an image designed to strike fear and loathing into the heart of every

visiting European leader. The Foreign Office was privately appalled. Edinburgh council. Lothian regional council and the local chamber of commerce, which helped to fund the design, were deeply divided. The leader of Edinburgh council, Mark Lazarowicz, is a fan. He says: "Tastes differ. It just goes to show there are still some artistic conservatives in Edinburgh. But then they are over 40." Yet the youthful Lazarowicz ended up on the losing side. The city elders have now reluctantly conceded that the illustration "reinforces a stereotyped image". The way "I be replaced instead by a



collage of EC flags, leaving Colvin, who is better known as a sculptor and photographer, quite per-plexed. "My work is to do with seeing things differently. If they did not like it, they should not have

And all this before anyone has en mentioned Maastricht.

· Shopkeepers who run short of small change in the Russian port of Severomorsk have found a novel solution: they give their custo-mers condons instead. Newspaper kiosks have started using contraceptives as small change instead of more traditional Russian alternatives such as bus tickets and sweets.

Sting for Woody

DESPITE their reputation as Europe's great lovers, the Italians apparently draw the line at Woody Allen and Soon-Yi. Oreste Lionello, who has dubbed many of Allen's films into Italian is threatening to refuse to work on his latest, Husbands and Wives. And the Italian company La Co-op Nordemilia is "re-examing" its \$5 million contract with Allen for a series of commercials, squeamish that the connection might tarnish the cor-

Not that Allen should worry. Such is the interest in Husbands and Wives generated by his custody battle with the film's co-star Mia Farrow that TriStar has brought forward the release date. Despite an initial outbreak of nerves on the part of the executives of Japaneseowned TriStar, it now looks as though they have hit the box-office

It seems that the Hollywood underworld thinks so too. The FBI is investigating the disappearance of a print of the film, which they fear is about to make an appearance on the pirate video market.

Wandsworth south

A SMALL CORNER of the London borough of Wandsworth was covered in snow this week. There



was Sir Ramulph Fiennes, intrepid polar explorer, dragging his sledge through the blizzards. Yes, it has been a dreadful August, but surely

things haven't been that bad?
Well, the snow was artificial, and the man in the Gore-Tex with the sledge was a model of Sir Ramulph, who is off to the South Pole in two months time, attempting the first unsupported crossing of Antarcia without the help of dogs or airdrops. The chill in Wands worth was for the benefit of the press and poster campaign for the Multiple Scienosis Society, which hopes to raise £3 million for the

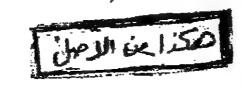
"Sir Ranulph is up to his eyes preparing for the trip, so we had to use a model," says a spokesman. And we couldn't afford to shoot the ad at the South Pole. Wandsworth was the nearest we could get to the ends of the earth."

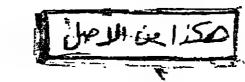
Cooped up?

READERS of July Cooper will be relieved to hear that she has not been reduced to writing Ladybirdsized books. Cooper, whose racy bestsellers tend to run to 750 pages or more, has been plagued by fans alarmed at tales that that the contract for her next book The Man Who Made Husbands Jealous stipulates that the book should not exceed 250 pages because of the cost

Books are sent to retailers in packs of 12, and mine cost a small fortune," she is quoted as saying in an interview with a women's weekly magazine. But Cooper says she is already on page 400 of the new book, and is battling madly against a deadline. "I think they got it a little bit wrong. The contract states that the book should not run to more that 250,000 words, which is quite different."

 Mick Jagger got little satisfac-tion at a Richmond video shop when he tried to borrow some tapes. Village Video demanded identification before it would agree to enrol Jagger, whose London house is nearby. Presumably the fit and 50 rock star provided the necessary. for the shop, which is reluctant to discuss the incident, confirmed wasterday that Jagger is now the possessor of a membership card. "But he could have been someone trying to look like him," said an employee "We do get people who come in and give false details."







PRECARIOUS PROGRESS

A deal is done. For John Major that in itself has been a triumph. To bring together leaders of countries and factions that are raining death and destruction upon each other, to sit them together in one room, to wring from them agreement to silence their guns, free their captives, give up conquered territory and negotiate a new way of living together - all that is more than even optimists hoped for from the London Yugoslavia conference.

Sadly it is only another in a series of hesitant starts down what remains an uncertain road. Despair, cynicism and outright condemnation were the prevailing reactions to the conference of the Balkan participants. Fighting rages in Sarajevo, fiercer than ever. There is no good faith and no good sense anywhere in the devastation of former Yugoslavia. The world must now exert more collective pressure on Serbia than it has ever directed against any state short of going to war.

Ending the fighting must be the absolute priority, the litmus test of the agreements' validity. Until the killing stops, neither the peoples of Yugoslavia nor world public opinion will even look at what else was agreed. The factions pledged themselves to a series of specific actions. These included lifting the siege of Sarajevo and the other three Muslim towns, bringing all forces including the irregulars under central control, a ban on direct or indirect military help to the groups fighting in Bosnia, the progressive reduction of arms in the region, and the placing of all heavy weapons under United Nations supervision. This last key concession by the Bosnian Serbs came in an offer by Radovan Karadzic, their leader, to begin notifying the UN of its heavy weaponry within 96 hours.

Yet no deadline was set for any of this, not even for the start of the 96 hours. Cyrus Vance admitted that not until extra UN forces are in place can monitoring begin. To put it mildly this is a severe setback. Other loopholes are also beginning to appear.

Though all sides have conceded that territory cannot be gained or borders changed by force, the Serbs now control 70 per cent of Bosnia, virtually achieving their war aims. The only sacrifice now demanded of the Bosnian Serbs is that they renounce "enosis" with Serbia. So they can pretend to acknowledge Bosnia's nominal borders, spin out constitutional negotiations in Geneva and consolidate the de facto partition of Bosnia.

John Major understandably presented the London agreement as only a framework for more talks. Its importance so far can only be said to lie in restating certain principles of international law over the realpolitik of accepting Serbia's conquests. The world did not accept the forcible annexation of territory in the West Bank of Jordan; the conference insisted the belligerents understand the same in Yugoslavia. It also insisted that human rights are not negotiable.

Serbia, for example, has publicly promised it will restore full civil rights to the Albanian majority in Kosovo. This may stick in the gullet of Slobodan Milosevic, who clawed his way to the top by exploiting Serbian nationalism in Kosovo. But he has heard, discussed with brutal clarity in his presence, how the world will isolate, boycott, and condemn his country to "pariah status" if he reneges so publicly on Kosovo and on his promise not to support and arm the fighters.

The world has taken a gamble at the conference. Having specifically ruled out the ultimate sanction of military intervention to the dismay of the Islamic participants - it is counting on the combined moral, political and economic leverage of the United Nations, the big powers, the European Community and the Islamic world to break Serbian intransigence. Insofar as documents have been agreed, this has worked. But at the first sign of backsliding, double-dealing or tergiversation, Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance must invoke the full and immediate panoply of denunciation, tougher sanctions and ostracism from the civilised world. Time is of

A-LEVEL HEALTH WARNING

The "league table" of A-level examination results that The Times publishes today needs careful interpretation. This year schools have released their results voluntarily. Next year, as a result of the parents' charter, they will be obliged to do so. League tables will thus be an officially sanctioned educational Olympic games. It is vital therefore to reiterate that these are tables of examination results, pure and simple. They are not tables of best schools" nor of those schools that have achieved the most for their pupils, nor even of the schools that have the best record of university entry or career preparation.

Throughout the past week, head teachers of all kinds of schools, including the most distinguished, expressed misgivings as they gave their results to The Times education staff. Most regarded competition between schools achieved by comparing A-level results as "quite fun" provided it was viewed as a sporting event. They felt it fairest to measure not just the familiar As and Bs at Alevel but, as The Times had done, average Alevel scores including Cs. Ds and Es used for university entrance purposes. They added that the more seriously such competition was taken, the more misleading and dangerous it could become.

The league tables demonstrate, if demonstration were still needed, that the best way to achieve good results is to start with dever pupils at the age of 11 or 13, by weeding out the less bright or less motivated. Those institutions that select at the start can be shown to have selected correctly. Middle class homes with an enthusiasm for education tend to be better at producing academically successful pupils than working class homes. These biases are familiar.

The necessary corrective, much debated among educationists, is for a comparison not of unweighted exam results but of academic "value added" by each school, the true measure of a school's achievement. This would involve assessing input as well as output, raw material as well as the quality of its processing. Otherwise neither parents por governors can gain any sense of a school's real educational performance, of how far it has helped a child as it travels the course of the school career. Any stable can win races if it stocks itself only with thoroughbreds.

This means taking account of what is bound to be an unequal starting line: unequal not just socially and intellectually but in terms of the quality of available primary schooling as well. Unfortunately a universally accepted formula for calculating value added has not yet been achieved, and for those systems that exist experimentally. the calculation is difficult.

Some measure of value added is essential if the government's burgeoning education bureaucracy is to balance claims for resources between different schools. It will be needed also as the raw data for assessing teacher performance for pay bonus purposes. Absence of such measures could at some point become both damaging and disruptive, adding to the existing disadvantages of lower performing schools the incubus of being unable to pay competitive rates for new teachers. The highest salaries would be available, by Whitehall writ, only in the leafy suburbs or fashionable county towns. This would savagely reinforce the divisiveness of opting out in the secondary sector, which will in any event put inner city schools at a competitive disadvantage.

League tables there will be, and as long as they exist they should be made as fair as possible. But every one that is published should come with a health warning. The main benefit of today's exercise is the opportunity to remind teachers and parents that quantitative measuring in education is necessary if public disquiet at school standards is to be allayed. The task now must be to make such tests ever more objective.

ADVANCED SCIENCE

If the annual science festival held by the British Association for the Advancement of Science stopped existing it would need to be reinvented. How else would all sorts of other inventions and discoveries tickle the public's taste for novelties and surprises? The summer event has become the one serious part of the silly season, science without tears, even science as entertainment.

That is its fascination. The perfect example of a British Association paper was the one read at Southampton University this week, which addressed the fairly silly subject of untidy desks. It had a down-to-earth and satisfying conclusion. The office worker who liked to be surrounded by heaps of yellowing paper had unconsciously solved an information retrieval problem that mechanical filing systems and computer databases could not handle. Even the way old documents tend to fall off the edge and get thrown away was part of this haphazard but effective method of seeing that first things came first and last things last.

This year's British Association programme included research into lobsters which live in power-station waste, how to get children to eat spinach by computer, why waves in the Atlantic are getting taller, and the distribution of genes in the British population. The tribal groups apparently number no less than the Biblicai 12. and yes, Yorkshiremen are different from East Anglians. For good measure, according to another paper, the English are taller than the Scots, and some dinosaurs had eight hearts.

The British Association summer meeting - from this year to be known as a science festival - may be a jumble of facts and

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fancies but one that demonstrates that not all science is grim and not all scientists lack a sense of humour. That science can be fun is a serious scientific discovery, worth celebrating and passing on. Earlier this month the nation's examination results showed that science subjects were once again in decline, the arts and humanities rising. Once more the statistics brought out a gender division between hard and soft science: girls tending towards biology, boys towards maths and physics. Even in a nation whose record of past scientific achievement is as respectable as Britain's, science has a gender problem and an image problem.

The cause is not hard to discern. It is the assumed coldness of science, the rational, objective, sheer inhumanity of it. Science must appeal to facts and calculations and evidence. The popular image of scientists says they cannot let human nature into their laboratories. They are not like ordinary mortals, with imagination, creativity and excitement.

This is unscientific myth. Scientists are driven by passions like every other profession. The driving scientific emotion is curiosity. The experince of having it satisfied after an intense scientific quest is as thrilling as any moment known to music, art or poetry. Like historians, musicians or painters. scientists make mistakes because their feelings mislead them. They competes they love and hate. And at the great moments of science they seize on some new truth by a leap of creative intuition long before they can prove it by logic and experiment. That is the romance of science. And each year the British Association provides the ideal popular introduction to it.

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Sir, The following item appeared in

Oftel News, the journal of the Office of Telecommunications, at the

GEC-Marconi Communications has won a nomination for The Prince of Wales

Award for innovation. The nomination, presented by His Royal Highness Prince

Charles, was for a speech scrambler for radio or telephone systems.

The device prevents unauthorised radio users from intercepting and listening into

Oftel (Office of Telecommunications),

From Professor Enteritus L. J. Herbst

Sir. You report (August 26) that The

Sun intends to give the £50,000

profit from the hotline recording of

the alleged telephone conversation

involving the Princess of Wales to

charity.
I fervently hope that no British

charity will accept any of that money.

Sir. Of all that has been reported

about the Duke and Duchess of

York's matrimonial difficulties I

have found comments concerning

the "custody" of Princesses Beatrice

and Eugenie panicularly objec-

Under the Children Act 1989.

which came into force last October.

the term custody has been done away

with. The courts recognise that both

parents have parental responsibility.

They will step in to help them in

carrying out those responsibilities

only if parents are unable to agree

The philosophy behind the Act is

clear; but it also seems clear that

courts and lawyers alike face an

uphill struggle persuading the public

to give up the idea of children being

records of the refugee organisations

show. The problems of homelessness

among the 15,000 or more Somalis

in the East End are very serious."

The Somali Homeless Project,

prizes to be won or lost.

Raddiffes & Co. (Solicitors).

5 Great College Street, SW1.

SOPHIE HUGHES.

Yours faithfully. KENNETH LEECH.

Port Street Church,

Bethnal Green, E2.

August 26.

Yours faithfully,

arrangements between themselves.

beginning of August:

private conversations . . .

Export House, 50 Ludgate Hill, EC4.

Yours sincerely.

Yours sincerely,

L J. HERBST.

tionable.

21 Walton Avenue.

Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

From Mrs Sophie Hughes

Palace privacy, public curiosity and an intrusive press

From Mr Godfrey Talbot

Sir. To numbers of people all over the world the image of our royal family has been tarnished in these last weeks. It is not a time to be proud of our press, or at any rate the grosser orders of it, and sadly, the smearing of an individual has been mistaken by some readers to be the smearing of a clan in a year in which the Queen's personally flawless four de-cades on the throne are being celebrated.

The silliness of "Fergie lever" seems to have led some otherwise balanced people into imagining that our thousand-year-old monarchy, unique in an envious world, has come into some sort of crisis, even evoking memories of the 1936 abdication, which is nonsense.

The British throne is unshaken. The Queen herself, because of this unlovely episode, has lately been the focus of extra public sympathy and affection, to instance the sum of many of the comments I have

What do moaners about the monarchy want: successions of political presidential puppets waving party flags from the balcony of a Bucking-ham Palace turned into a govern-

ment emporium?
Incidentally, is there not the greatest antithesis when one thinks of the present holder of the title and the previous Duchess of York, the matchless Queen Mother, who stays, quiet and comforted, in her native Scotland?

Yours faithfully, GODFREY TALBOT, Holmwell, Hook Hill, Sanderstead, Surrey, August 25.

From Mr T. H. Hughes-Davies

Sir, Any tapping of private wireless transmissions is as easy as shoplifting and as illegal as interference with the Royal Mail. Such information is as much stolen as if it came from a solicitor's safe or across a Chinese wall. Why are those who receive and profit from it not similarly pursued? Yours sincerely.

T. H. HUGHES-DAVIES, Slades Cottage, Breamore Marsh, Fordingbridge, Hampshire. August 26.

From Mr David Holbrook From Mr Stuart Smith

Sir. There have been some startling indications of a recent change in public attitudes towards the publication of intimate pictures of a member of the royal family. And now we learn (report, later editions, August 26) that more than 40,000 people have telephoned, at great expense, to listen to an alleged pirated telephone conversation, supposed to have been

We have allowed this subtle corruption of voyeurism to overtake us, until the present situation, in which people no longer even notice the sickness in which they are involved. But as those authorities appointed to preserve privacy stand helplessly by (there are after all, as you state in your previous day's report, laws against telephone rap-ping) this decadence gradually erodes respect for persons, values and institutions to the detriment of our democracy: all done, it must be said, in the name of "freedom", by a gross travesty of that concept.

Yours etc. DAVID HOLBROOK, Denmore Lodge, Brunswick Gardens, Cambridge.

From Mr Graham Chainey

Sir, I do not see why royalty should not sunbathe topless, have affairs, or do anything else in their private lives that other people do, provided it does not affect the proper fulfilment of their public duties.

If we are going to have a "classless" society, let us start by abolishing the notion of royalty as representing archetypal values, which they don't, can't, and never will. And let us get rid of all the hypocrisy about "public figures" and all the prurient interest that currently surrounds "celeb-

Let us judge people by their contribution to society, not by their "status", or by their private lives, or malign tittle-tattle. If the media ceased to prioritise the superficial activities of a few over the often worthier deeds of the rest the heavens would not fall.

responsibility for Someliland. How-

ever, while there has been a marked

improvement in media coverage of

extent, Somaliland in recent months,

inadequate attention has been given

to the situation of the Somali

London has been home to the Somali

community in Britain, with smaller

communities in Cardiff. Liverpool, South Shields and elsewhere. Orig-

inally a small, and entirely male, community of seamen, the Somalis

were heavily concentrated in the

Cable Street and Ensign Street

neighbourhood of the old borough of

Stepney. I taught English to many of

these older Somalis in 1958, and:

have been involved with members of

In recent years, this old commu-

nity has been massively augmented

by an influx of refugees, as the

the community ever since.

For many years the East End of

events in Somalia, and, to a

homeless in Britain.

Yours faithfully GRAHAM CHAINEY. 17 Marine Parade, Brighton, Sussex.

Britain and Somalia From the Reverend Kenneth Leech Sir, Alun Michael, MP fletter, Au-From Mr Louis FitzGibbon gust 25), is right to stress British

Sir, I doubt if Sir Philip Goodhart's idea (letter, August 20) of a temporary UN trusteeship in the north of Somalia would be acceptable to the administration of "Somaliland".

As the UN secretary general is in London this week for meetings on another matter, it would be useful if our government took the opportunity to ask him in what way we could assist in trying to reduce this disaster.

The Overseas Development Agency has pledged extra money (report, August 17), but something tangible like an airlift would be a welcome addition to our contribution. It is good to learn that the United States is already flying in aid from Kenya.

Yours sincerely. LOUIS FITZGIBBON. 8 Portland Place. Brighton, East Sussex. August 28.

Monitors for mothers From Mrs Mary R. Heaton

Sir. Medical Briefing (August 21) says that the Royal College of Psychiatrists is to encourage GPs to give patients a questionnaire to attempt to discover underlying and therefore undiagnosed depression. One particular target is women who have recently given birth.

These women are regularly visited by the health visitor, who has considerable experience in recognising early post-natal problems and is perhaps more likely than the GP to notice early signs of depression. Perhaps the royal college could enlist the help of this group of professionals so that any tendency to depression can be identified even before the sixweek post-natal check by the GP.

Yours faithfully. MARY HEATON 8 Foxgrove Gardens. Felixstowe, Suffolk.

Exam results From Dr R. J. Belcher

Sir. Some say that the improvement in A-level and GCSE examination results (reports, August 21, 27) is because examination marking has become more lenient. As a teacher and former A-level examiner I have seen at first hand the enormous extra effort made by both sides in our education business.

Much more high-standard work is being done now than a few years ago. particularly in coursework. The improvement in standards is real: it is not a result of "easy" examinations or "soft" marking. Yours faithfully.

RICHARD J. BELCHER (Deputy Warden). Kingham Hill School, Kingham, Chipping Norton, Oxford. From Mr Lionel Bryan

Sir, "Guaranteed Certificate for Sit-

ting the Examination"? Sincerely, LIONEL BRYAN, 23 Jesson Close. Walsall, West Midlands. August 28.

Anti-Muslim feeling From the Provost of Birmingham

Cathedral Sir. Many Muslim friends here in Birmingham, sensitive to the international scene, tell me from time to time how deeply huntful it is to be ignored and somehow unrecognised by Christian leaders, of whom the Holy Koran speaks as being "the

There seems to be a strong anti-Muslim feeling pervading Western European culture which has shaped Christian responses. Christians find

holiness and discipline of the life of

near to home.

PETER A. BERRY, Birmingham Cathedral. Colmore Row, Birmingham.

Wainwright guides From Mr Philip Ray

closest in love".

Sir, As a dedicated user of the

Wainwright guides to the Lakeland fells for the past 20 years or more, I sympathise with the purist viewpoint that the books as written by the oracle are sacrosanct and should not be revised (Diary, August 24).

On the other hand, though, some of the routes described by Wain-wright have become unusable through erosion; in other cases problems of access have arisen, and

Organic farming From Mr Bill Starling

country can survive without political

Government support could be achieved within the reform of the

From Professor Kenneth Kirkwood Sir, "Flood Somalia with food", says Mr Alun Michael, MP. Yes, indeed! But with at least equal priority stop

the flood of murderous, modern weapons which has aided and accelerated the mutual, mass self-destruc-

tion there. Somali as well as British analysis for many years have emphasised the devastating transformations automatic weapons have brought to what were relatively harmless inter-clan skirmishes.

Yours truly, KENNETH KIRKWOOD. 233 Woodstock Road, Oxford.

it hard to acknowledge the deep spiritual integrity of Islam and the

so many Muslims. May I urge your Christian readers to make most special efforts to establish contacts and friendships and real neighbourliness with Muslim citizens? There will be no world inter-ethnic peace unless it begins

Yours sincerely.

some routes - for example, the ascent of the Buttermere Red Pike

PHILIP RAY. 6 Cleve Terrace. Lewes, East Sussex.

Sir, No system of agriculture in this

support - which has not yet been given to organic farming (report from British Association conference, 'Organic farmers 'risking penury' ". August 25). Many conventional farmers are currently in a desperate situation.

common agricultural policy, which aims to control surplus production, protect the environment and preserve rural communities. Organic farming systems, as defined by EC and UK government legislation, and policed by bodies such as the Soil Association, can demonstrably de-

liver these benefits. The present set-aside proposals are unlikely to do so, though. They

via Sour Milk Gill - have become positively dangerous. The simplest solution seems to be

to republish the Wainwright route descriptions intact, but to include a publisher's note detailing, those routes (comparatively few, one would guess) where fell-walkers could encounter problems. Yours faithfully,

merely encourage farmers to further intensify production on land not set aside, with inevitable environmental consequences, and to shed labour

wherever possible. Organic systems are sustainable, safeguarding food production into the future in the face of growing problems of resistance to today's agro-chemicals and loss of top soil through over-exploitation of our

Yours faithfully, BILL STARLING (Deputy Chairman), British Organic Farmers. 86 Colston Street, Bristol, Avon. . August 25.

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Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -071-782 5046.

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Giving the bird to a gilded Cage?

From Mr Robert Storr

Sir, I doubt that many American dailies devoted prime space to the passing of John Cage (obituary and leading article, August 14). By that measure the editorial. "Pray silence for John Cage", was a noteworthy gesture of recognition. More's the pity, then, that it should have used the occasion to belittle Cage's music and his aims, thereby reinforcing popular misunderstanding of and contempt for minimal forms of

abstract art. For 50 years Cage succeeded brilliantly in moving beyond his own previous achievements and ahead of informed taste, that being exactly what a serious vanguard artist must do to merit the label. Humor was a large element of his gift and his statements teased and provoked to enlightening effect. Never, though,

did he compose music as a joke. The editorial dismissed the piece designed to be played pizzicato on eight cacti, but I listened to Cage perform it 15 years ago and still vividly recall the sounds and silences.

Most dismaying of all the slighting suggestions made in the leading article (but not the obituary) was that Cage belonged to a modernist fraternity given to displays of "juvenile machismo" and primarily drawn by the desire to "enrage and shock".

Cage was no more guilty of such pettiness than the other artists mentioned. Kasimir Malevich's white on white canvas of 1919 was inspired by revolutionary transcendentalism vastly broader in scope than the mere ambition to offend conservatives. Delight, not rage, is the emotion Robert Ryman hopes in our day to elicit with similarly "simple" white

squares. For his part Cage understood better than anyone of his era that the appropriate reaction to chance stimuli is wonder. If laughter is provoked by such experience it is not the snickering of the aesthetically smug but the shared laughter that expresses the pleasure we may freely trace in the revelation of the absurd.

In many respects Cage was Samuel Beckett's optimistic American cousin. As world events tend to confirm Beckett's bleak vision, we should increasingly be grateful for Cage's profound and salvatory whimsy. It is a shame that his death should have prompted The Times editorial to augh at more than with him.

Yours truly, ROBERT STORR (Curator). Department of Painting and Sculpture Museum of Modern Art. 11 West 53rd Street. New York, NY 10019, USA.

To wig or not to wig

From Mr Jonathan Fuller

Sir. Most clients appear before the courts either against their will or, with hindsight, against their better judgments. Once there, however, they expect understanding, impartiality and fairness. If to these qualities can be added wisdom, and all at no greater cost than is necessary, the law has served its purpose.

In this day and age my Lords Taylor and Bingham would be better advised to seek "user confidence" rather than "user friendliness" ("Mackey to seek public's judgment on judicial finery", August 19).
The public deserve a quality and

efficiency of service they do not at present get. They are not impressed by cosmetic changes which achieve nothing of consequence save the removal of the familiar appearance which undoubtedly serves to underline the seriousness of the judicial process.

JONATHAN FULLER. 2 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.

From Mrs Catherine Cheston

Sir. I attended an adoption hearing as guardian ad litem some years 380. Although these hearings are always informal they can be daunting to ad optive parents and children old enough to be aware of the proceed-

The judge, a shrewd York-shireman, threw his wig down the table around which we were assembled and invited the children to try it on In consequence, the adoptive parents and the children relaxed and contributed, freely, to the hearing The order was granted

What might have been a day "to be got over" became a pleasurable day to remember.

Yours faithfully. CATHERINE CHESTON. Iserlohn, Oast House Field.

Icklesham, Winchelsea. East Sussex. From Lord Justice Parker

Will jolly. "user-friendly" judges
Be bener at detecting fudges

Than those so often wrongly blamed For jury verdicts later claimed. And found, to be unsound? Will wigless Bench and wigless Bar

Arrest the law's now falling star. Or will they make it fall yet faster And prove to be a great disaster To everyone around? Does England really want all sorts

Of cosy "Perry Mason" courts? That others like them matters not. If we are right and they are not. Let justice true abound. Yours faithfully

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younger son of Mrs Ralph Dundas, of Elgin, Moray and of the late Ralph Dundas, and Le Thi Ngoc Van, eldest daughter of Mrs Trinh Thi Ngoc, of Saigon, Vietnam, and of the late Le Van

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of Mr and Mrs D. Farnsworth, of Huyton, Liverpool, and Angela Heliza-Maria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Thompson, of Shrivenham, Swindon, Wiltshire.

The engagement is announced between Donald Bryan, younger

son of the late Mr and Mrs G.M. Fotheringham. and Elizabeth Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C.G. Cook, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk. The marriage will take place on September 19, 1992.

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of the late Mr Ben Leslie and of Mrs

Lesie, of Kenlygreen, Fife, and Elisabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Prentice, of Easter Redshill, Gifford, East Lothian.

Mr D.B. Fotheringham

Mr D.S. Leslie and Miss E.G.R. Prendee

and Miss E.M. Cook

Forthcoming

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SOCIAL NEWS

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Sir Richard Attenborough, actor, producer and director, 69; Professor L. Barden, director, Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic, 61: Mrs Dorothy Carter, energy consultant, 64: Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman, N.M. Rothschild and Sons, 61: Viscount Devonport, 48; Alderman Dame Mary Donaldson former Lord Mayor of London, 71; Sir Nigel Foulkes, former chairman. Civil Aviation Authority, 73: Mr Elliott Gould, actor, 54: Professor Denys Hay, historian, 77: Mr Lenny Henry, comedian, 34; Mr Jack Hillier, writer and expert on Japanese art, 80; Mr James Hunt, racing driver, 45; Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman. Board of Governors. BBC. 69; Mr Michael Jack-son, singer, 34; Lord King of Wartnaby, 74; Mr J.H.M. Mackenzie, former chairman, London and Northern Group, 67: Mr Antony Newton, MP. 55: Mr Norman Platt, founder, Kent Opera. 72. TOMORROW: Dr Barbara Ansell, rheumatologist, 69; Sir Harold Atcherley, former

chairman. Toynbee Hall, 74; Lord Brain, 66; Sir Patrick Branigan, QC, former Attorney-General, Gold Coast, 86: Sir Keith Bright, former chairman, London Regional Transport, 61: Sir Charles Burman, former chairman, Tarmac, 84: Mr Allan Davis. theatre director, 79; Mr Kenneth Gill, trades unionist. 65: Dr A.B. Gilmour, former director, NSPCC, 64; Mr M.R. Harris, company director, 70; Lord Healey, CH, 75; Air Marshal Sir Frank Holroyd, 57; Lord Keith of Castleacre, 76; Sir Desmond Lee, former president, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 34: Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, chair-man, British Medical Association, 58; the Countess of Longford, 86; Miss Sue MacGregor, broadcaster, 51: Dr Peter North, principal, Jesus College, Oxford, 56; Sir Peter Parker, former chairman, British Railways Board, 68: Mr John Peel, broadcaster, 53; Sir Henry Phillips, former colonial administrator, 78: Miss Pamela Stringer, former headmistress. Clifton High School for Girls, 64.

University of Durham

fincluding King's and Armstrong Colleges, and the teacher training colleges) should recently have re-ceived the second edition of Kingsgare, the University's alumni magazine. Anyone who has not done so is invited to contact the Alumni Relations Office, Old Shire Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, DH1 3HP, to arrange despatch of

Latest wills

Sir Edwin Porter Arrowsmith, of London SW6, former governor of the Falkland Islands, left estate valued at £250.948 net.

Mr William Robert Brudenell Foster, of East Lexham, Norfolk, a former High Sheriff of Norfolk, left estate valued at £747,749 net. May Gertrude Davidson, of Hoylake, Merseyside, left estate valued at £312,165 ner. She left the entire amount equally between Ness Gardens, Wurat: Hoylake Cottage Hospital: and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Mrs Deborah Mary Bennett, of St Martin in Meneage, Helston, Comwall, left estate valued at Lady Alford, of Robertsbridge, East Sussex, left estate valued at

£551,263 net Mrs Edith Garry, of London NWS, left estate valued at £1.022.214 net.

Mrs Doreen Mary Eccleston, of Holme-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, left estate valued at £1,149,958 net.

Mr and Mrs George Arthur Sullivan celebrate the liftieth anniversary of their marriage

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Locke, philosopher, Wrington, Somerset, 1632; Oliver Wendell Holmes, physician and writer, Cambridge, Mass-achusetts, 1809; John Leech, illustrator, London, 1817; Maurice Maeterlinck, poet, Nobel laureate 1911, Ghent, 1862; Jean Ingres, psinter, Montauban, France, 1870; Ingrid Bergman, actress, day, London, 1982.

day, London, 1982.

DEATHS: John Lilburne, republican, Eliham, Kent, 1657; Edmond Hoyle, the "father of whist", London, 1769; Joseph Wright, painter, Derby, 1797; Brigham Young, 2nd president of the Mormon Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1877; Queen Astrid, consort of Leopold III of Belgium, killed in a car accident, Lucerne, 1935; Eamon de Valera, president of the Irish Republic 1959-73, Dublin, 1975; Lee Marvin, actor, 1987; 1975; Lee Marvin, actor, 1987; painter, 1989.

The Royal George man-of-war of 108 guns sank off Spithead with a loss of over 900 lives, 1782.

BIRTHS: Jacques David, painter, 1748; Mary Wollstonecraft Shel-ley, author of Frankenssein, London, 1797; Ernest Rutherford. Baron Rutherford of Neison, physicist, Nobel laureate 1908, Grove, New Zealand

DEATHS: Feargus O'Connor Chartist leader, London, 1855; Sir John Ross, Arctic explorer, London, 1856; John Francis, sculptor, London, 1861; Georges Moscow, 1935; Sir Joseph Thomson, physicist, Nobel laureau 1906, Cambridge, 1940. The siege of Leningrad (St Peters-burg) began, 1941.



Family is forced to sell country house after nearly 300 years of ownership

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BRYMPTON d'Evercy, one of England's most serene and beautiful country houses, near Yeovil, in Somerset, has been sold by the family which owned it for nearly 300 years. and is likely to be closed to the public, at least for the immediate future.

The sale of the house and 25 acres of grounds, for a figure in excess of the guide price of £850,000, was announced yesterday by Strutt & Parker, the estate agents. The purchasers were said to be an English family, who had requested anonymity and had no immediate plans to continue opening it on five afternoons a

The change of ownership marks the end of an 18-year struggle by Charles Clive-Ponsonby-Fane and his wife, Judy, to maintain the house as a viable enterprise. They saved it from dereliction after it had been rented to a now defunct public school, and spent part of their honeymoon in 1974

working to make it ready for opening, making curtains and chair covers and buying furniture at local auctions. Mr Clive-Ponsonby-Fane

said yesterday that he was bitterly disappointed at having failed to attract enough visitors at £4 a head to keep the house going. At the time the sale was announced he said that the main reason was that house was undercapitalised, and the revenue from 15,000 admissions a year was not enough to pay for

He attributed part of the blame to the rival attraction of nearby Montacute, owned by the National Trust, which, he said, consumed the lion's share of restoration funds and had some two million members whose annual subscription of £23 a year entitled them to free entry to all trust properties.

The earliest parts of the house date from the fifteenth century, and a new south

facade, wrongly attributed to some inexplicable reason Inigo Jones, was added in Brympton never attracted the about 1678. The Clive-Ponsonby-Fanes restored the garden, which last year won the Christie's Garden of the

vineyard, a cider museum and a distillery producing apple Strutt & Parker said yesterday that The new owners had bought it as a private home. "They plan to carry out sub-stantial restoration work, as a result of which the house will

not be open to the public during 1993," she added. "No decision has been taken for future years." Peter Sinclair, executive secretary of the Historic Houses Association, which represents private owners and is conduct-.

Year award, and opened a

ing a survey of why houses go family ownership. described the sale as a tragedy. "Charles and Judy are a perfect example of owners who did everything they could do and more," he said. "But for

Ironically, since the sale was announced the public had been turning up in draves, anxious to take the last chance

of seeing it before it was closed. Six architectural practices have been invited to submit designs for a £10million visitor.

centre at Stonehenge.

The plans, which include closure of the A344, which runs past the aucient stones, a new building half a mile away at Larkhill, and restoration of the approach and surroundings to recreate the historic

landscape, were rejected last year by Salisbury district council. But English Heritage and the National Trust, who are decision will be overturned at a public enquiry early next

Turning to the past

ENGINEERS who build gas turbines to spin at 20,000 rpm have been ensuring that one particular machine rotates at ust a quarter turn a day (Paul Wilkinson writes).

They have been restoring a amount of sun.

racotta pots, sat in the machinery which turned with the sun,

Mr C.J. Presley and Miss A.M. Hippisley-Cox The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Presley, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Beaufront, Ross, Tasmania, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Robinson, of Maremely, Alexandra, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hippisley-Cox, of London, SW11.

and Miss A.J. Watt

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Hubert. younger son of Mr and Mrs Gray Ross, of Newton Abbot, Devon, and Amanda Jane, only daughter of Mr Alan Watt, of Balcombe, West Sussex and Mrs Celia Wan, of Liphook, Hampshire.

Mr L.I. Walker and Miss M.D.C. Morrison The engagement is announced between Leslie, son of the late Mr Edgar Walker and of Mrs Edgar Walker, of Haywards Heath, and Moira, youngest daughter of Mr Frederick Morrison and of the late Mrs Frederick Morrison, of

Marriages

Mr LA. Best
and Miss E.R.D. Winchester
The marriage took place on
Angust 22, at St Mary Wedale,
Stow by Galashiels, of Mr Lloyd
Andrew Best, only son of Mr and
Mrs Allan Best, and Miss Entma
Brigitte Dina Winchester,
danishter of Mr and Mrs Alan daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Winchester.

the Dryburgh Abbay Hotel, St Boswells.

Mr D.R.K. du Pré

The marriage took place on Friday, August 28, in Munich, of Mr David du Pré, youngest son of Mr and Mrs G.K. du Pré, of St Clement, Jersey, to Frau Heidi Anion, only daughter of Herr and Frau W. Anton, of Pirmasens.

Fierce fight over golf courses and hotel

By MARCUS BENNEY, ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

A FIERCLY fought planning battle over one of Ireland's ducal country house will shortly reach its climax.

Controversy centres on plans to turn Carton, 15 miles west of Dublin, into the Gleneagles of the Irish Republic. In April Kildare County Council approved an application to true the house polication to turn the house into an hotel with 189 bedroom estensions and conference centre, build 188 golf villas in

the wooded grounds and lay out two championship golf courses in the 1.045-acre park. The county council's only modification was to reduce the this prompted the scheme's two major sponsors, Gleneagies and Guinness, to announce their immediate withdrawal from the project. Lee Mallaghan, who bought

the estate in 1977, has said

that he will proceed with the

development and is looking for a new hotel partner. The fierce controversy persuaded the Irish Planning Board to call a public enquiry in June, the result of which is expected shortly. They have made some very good decisions in recent years. We are not too despondent," said Desmond Guinness, of the Irish Georgian Society, which

Mr Mallaghan is widely accepted to have been a good landlord in recent years. though on acquiring the estate he felled a large quantity of

has led the opposition.

mature timber, substantially recouping his initial £1 million outlay. Nonetheless the sense remains of a vast rolling park world by thick plantations.

The main south front is a handsome Palladiam composition by Richard Castle, the leading country house archi-tect of the period who worked at Russborough and Powers Court When the third duke of Leinster sold Leinster House in Dublin in 1815 he employed the architect Richard Morrison to add a splendid dining room, the counterpart of Adam's famous saloon at enwood ir north London.

The seventh Duke of Leinster signed away his inheritance in return for ready money and Carton had to be sold. It was bought in 1949 by the second Lord Brocket and later became the home of his younger son, David Nall Cain, who opened the house to the public. He offered the house to the Irish government without success and sold it in

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.The hotel and golf course proposals, though carefully conceived to protect the house and the main vistas, will fundamentally alter the character of a house which any preservation body in other countries would be proud to own and show to the public, even with limited contents.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BARKER - On August 26th, to Frances the Rogers) and Richard. a wonderful con. Michael Campran John. a brother for Eloise. BUSSEY - On August 21st at Bromsgrove. to Sara (nee Wynne) and Philip, a delightful second daughter. Philippa Jane, a sister for

FARKAS - On August 10th 1992, (o Emma (née Williams) and Alan, a daughter. Violet Alice, a sister for Katya. August 24th in Nicosia, to Elizabeth (née Crossick) and Marice, a daughter Gabriella.

LEVINGON - Da Augus 27(b.
Lo Francise (née Helmans)
and Charles. - son. Josephan
Charles (andon. a brother for MITCHELL - On August 27th, to Susie unée Woods) and John, a son, a brother for Annanci.

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MOONEY - On August 13th
1992, to Peter and Sue, a
son. Alexander Richard
William, a brother for James.
27th 1992.

REID - On August 27th 1992. to Mari (pée Clarke) and Hemism, a sour John Manley. riospital, Paddington.

MITH - On August 24th, at
Jimmy's, io Priscilla (née
Crawley) and Oliver, a
daughter, Verena.

Spirité SMITH - On August 19th, to Colin and Catriona, a

YYHITTAKER - On Augusi

MARRIAGES MARWOOD: EOLLEKAMP -

CLEMENTS - The marriage took place between Simon (formerly of Lamberturs),

Kenti and Julia on Angus 2nd 1992 at Cambridge Mass, USA. ANNIVERSARIES AGNALL:ROWLANDS

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES JOHNSON: EELES - Colby and Hilda. Our love and con-granulations to both of you and we hope you will have a special day shared together. Love from all of the family.

BROOKE - On August 26th, peacefully at Chillern Hospital, James Peter aged 66, very much loved husband of Rosemary. Father of Nigel. Flo and Christopher and grandfather of Ben. Funeral Fio and Christopher and grandfather of Ben. Fuperal Service at Si Mary's. Drayton Beauchamp, at 2.30 pm. Thursday September 3rd. Family Rowers only, but denselims if neumal to The Stroke Association. CHSA House, 1.23-1.27 Writecross Street. London ECIY S.J.

FISHER - On August 24th, peacefully in Westminster Hospital, Condon, father of Paul and Judy, grandfather of Bill and George, Cremation private,

FOLEY - On August 26th. peacefully at home. Ruth Mary toée Caraman). one week short of her 84th birthday, beloved wife of Bill for By years, mother of Jane and Simon and much loved grandmother. Requiem Mass at 11 am on Thursday September and Six Mary's College. Strawberry Hill. Twickenham. All enquiries

FORD-ROBINSON On August 27th 1992, peacefully at Carrwood Nursing Home. Bramhall, Chemire after a long illness, borne with great courage. Patrick, dearly loved wife of Peter and mother of Sinson and Susan. Private cremation. Family Rowers only please. Donations if desired to Riding for the Disabled Association. Enquiries to Ben Lloyd (Funeral Directors) Ltd. tel: (061) 485-3135 or Poynton 872717.

JEMRYN-JONES - On August 28th, after a short tilness, Marjorie Maud Harrison faée Perfun of Twyford (Hampshire, widow of Aiwyn "Jenks", beloved mother of Bill and grandmother of Bruce and Mark, Funeral Service at Twyford Church on Thursday September 3rd at 1.30 pm Family flowersonly, Donations to Save the Children Fund c/o Jno. Street and Son. Chestil House. Winchester.

SANCTUARY - On August 27th 1992, very suddenly at home, Brian Nigel, J.P., absolutely adored and irreplaceable husband of brends and father of Charlotte and Stobhan, All snouthers to E. Sargeant and Son, let: (0783) 866982. STRANSKY - On Wignesda lers Green. Thursday Bedford

Donations to charity.

TNURLOW - On August 25th, peacefully at home. Eric John, dear hissband of Shella and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Beechen Grove Beptist Church. Watford, on Wednesday September 2nd at 12 noon followed by private family cramation at West Heris Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research. Enquiries to Longman Funerals. 11

WALRWEIGHT - On August

WAITWIGHT - On August 27th 1992. Tony, aged 72 years, peacefully after a long liness. Descrip beloved tusband of Jean and devoted father of all his children. Service at 8 Bridget's Church, West Kirby, Wirral, on Wednesday September 2nd at 3 pm, No flowers, but donations please to Kidney Research Aid Fund. 28 Boileau Road. London W5 3AH.
WALKER - On August 27th 1992, at Lamsten of The Old Post House. Montaive, Geraldine Elizabeth Walker (née Lumsden) of The Old Post House. Montaive, beloved wife of the late Peter Hugh Frederick Walker and much loved mother of Rozame and Caroline and devoted grandmother. Fusteral Mass will be held in Maxwalton Chapel at 3 pm thereafter interment in Cienciaira Cemetery at 4 pm to which all friends are respectfully invited to attend

WETHERALL - On Augus 27th, Ann thee Walghti.
pencefully at home after a pencefully at home after a long illness bravely horne. Loving and beloved mother of Mailli, Gavin and Jessica, sister of Toper, grandmother of Hereward and Jusius. Founder of The Prison Phoenix Trust. Funeral at 5t Mary with Winson Church. Ethury, Gouceatershire, et 2.30 pm Tuesday Seplember 1st. Donations to Str Michael Sobell House. Churchill Hospital. Oxford or The Prison Phoenix Trust. PO Box 328. Oxford, or flowers to Reeves & Pain. 288 Aningdon Road. Oxford

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WHITE - On Friday August 28th. Suddenly, Patrick Francis Michael. O.B.E. O.ST.J. Q.P.M., K.S.G. B.B.I.M., former Deputy Dale Countries of York Chypolice, beloved husband of Ruth and deer father of Michael, Peter and Hilary and a much loved Papa. Received listo St George's Church, Margaret Street, York. on Monday August 31st at 7 ptn Regulem Mass Tuesday September 1st at 2pm. R.L.P. A Memorial Service will be arranged and the date announced later. Flow-

unte announced later. From-ers may be sent to J Rymer Chapel of Rest or donations if desired may be made to York Against Cancer, place provided at the service.

IN MEMORIAM -

BEAUMONT - Tom. 29th August 1991. in memory of my belor ed husband, greatly loved and sorely missed. God Bless. Helen.

PERSONAL APPEARS IN wanthines - Daphne de Neutville Gage died op 30th August 1990. We cherish your memory, Jeck, James and daughters. WEEKEND TIMES SECTION - PAGE 12 WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 16

UNICITY

(c) The fact of being or consisting of one in number or kind, oneness, being unique, from the medieval theological Latin unicitus: "For Unity or Unition, and indistinguishable Unicity or Oneness, are

(b) Eating frogs, from the Latin rang a frog + -rorous

eating: "Frenchmen were not the ranivorous and capering creatures they supposed, just as they were not all the beer-swilling, roast-beef-chomping John Bulls of French prejudice." (c) Cardied milk, perhaps a derivation from the Old Norse hioup coagulation of milk or blood: "Whar he had no other fode but wlatsom glet and lopper."

(b) Charlock or wild mustard, Brassica Sinapistram, or wild radish, Raphanast Raphanistram, origin obscure: "The wheat-field, where they had been pulling ranches or charlock until their arms ached."

Victorian piece of eccentric gadgetry devised by Lord Armstrong, the armaments magnate, to give the fruit trees at Cragside, his country home in Northumbria, the correct The trees, in enormous ter-

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M: 11 S Euch, Mass of the Holy Trinity (Walsh), Haer Dies (Byrd), Red Dr C A Lewis: 3.15 E, Responses (Rose), Wood in F, O thou sweetest source (Wood); 6.30 Sermon & Compiline, Rev Dr B Chalmers.

DT B Chaimers. YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC: 10 S

Euch, Missa Sancti Joantis de Deo (Haydni), Requests (Caesari, Rev Jean Mayland; 11,30 M, Responses (Heddington Wright), Britten in C.4 E. Stanford in G. Vox dicentis (Naylori, Rev Jean Mayland.

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ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL'S HC; 10.30 M. Responses (Harris), Te Deum and Benedictus: The Sbort Service (Byrd), Canon M. Saward: 11.30 HC. Missa sine momine (Asola), O sacrum convivium (Croce), Ragnificati Octavi toni (Morales), Nunc diminis, Benedicara Dominum (Croce), Right Rev R Cherres, Bishop of Stepney.

WESTMINSTER ABBET: 8 HC; 10 M. Stanford in B flat, Let all the world. Canon P Bates, 11.15 Abbey Euch, Jackson in G. Aw verum (Elgan), Canon P Bates; 3 E. Stanford in B flat, Praise the Lord, O my soul (Staffam), Rev D Hutton: 4.45 Organ recital; 6.30 ES, Canon C Semper.

giving each an equal amount of light. But for some time the equipment at the house, run by the National Trust, has not worked. A team of 23 student and graduate engineers from European Gas Turbines in Lincoln has renovated the rotating pots as a summer project, shot-blasting away years of rust and dirt, welding broken parts and riveting in

Church services tomorrow Services resume Occober 4. ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 & 12.15 HC; 11 M, Ven B H

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER! I S Ench. Rev Canon P Delancy. ALL SAINTS. Margaret Street. W1: 8 & 5.15 LM: 11 HM. Missa Brevis in F Indozard, Welcome sweet and sacred feast (Firzi). Rev Dr A W Klukas; 6 E & B. The Second Service (Leighton), Ave Maria (Elgar), Rev P McCerry. ALL SOURS, Langham Place. W1: 11 & 6.30 Rev J Cook.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH. Chevne Walk, SW3: 8 HC (1662), Rev P glvy (The Vicar); 11 M. The Vicar: 12 HC, The Vicar; 6 E. The Vicar. CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSPA, SW3: 8 HC; 1 S Euch, Setting (Merbecke), Rev N Woort HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SWI: 10.30 Family & HC, Canon K de Berry: 6.30 Informal Service, Mr M Contes.

HOLY TRINITY. Prince Consort Road.
HOLY TRINITY. Prince Consort Road.
SW1: 8.10 a 12.05 HC; 11 MP, The
Rishop of Fulham.
HOLY TRINITY. Sloane Street. SW1:
8.45 HC. Bev K Yares.
ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, ECI: 9 SM; 11
HM, Mass in E major (Darke), Preb J
Gaskell: 5.30 LM.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT,
Smithfield, ECI: 9 HC: 11 M with
Baptism. The Rector; 6.30 E, The
Rector; OUTHWARK CATHEDRAL 9 HC: 11 Euch, Choral No.1 (Francis, Scherzo (Pecters), Meditation (Langlais), Caron R White; 3 E (Sald).
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 12, 530 & 7; 10 Mp. 1030 SM: 2.30 Organ recital; 3.30 50/cmi V A B. Solemn V & B.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF
THE DIVINE WISDOM. MOSCOW Rd.
W2:9-30 M: 11 Owine Units.
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
OF THE DORMITION OF THE
MOTHER OF GOD. Enrismore Gdis.
SW7: 10-30 Divine Litrupy.
SERBIAN GRITHODOX CATHEDRAL
OF ST SAVYA INCREMENTAL
OF ST SAVYA INCREMENTAL Sapism. The Recent; 0.50 s., and Rector;
ST BRIDE'S. Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Chorai M & Euch, Jubitane (Darke in F), Missa brevis (Waiton), Hear my prayer (Puroelli, Canon J Cases: 6.30 Chorai E. Responses (Radcliffe), Canticles (Watson in El. The Wilderness (Watson), Canon J Oates, ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbuty, WCI: 10 Euch, Canon R Porter: 6.30 EP, Mr R Jerukine.

ROYAL ROSPITAL, Cheises, 5W3. 1:
M. Lord, we beseech Thee (bazen),
Thou will keep him (Wesley), Trumpet
voluntary (Stanley), Eve T Hiney.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington
Barracis, SWI: 11 M, O worship the
Lord (Trusthen Baill), Te Deurst, Declare
his honour (Purcell), Make me a
Channel of Thy Peace, The Chaplain,
12 RC (sald). ST GEORGE'S. Hanover Square, WI: 830 HC: II S Euch, Music (Merberiet). 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch, Music (Merbecket, The Rector.
The Rector.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, NI 0: 8 HC: 10.30 Murning Worship, Rev P Williams; 6.30 Evening Worship, ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch, Rev S Cathle; 5.45 EP, ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Rev G Buckle; 6 Choral E, Rev D Perkin.
ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC (said); 10 Parish Commonion, Rev T Birchard; 6.30 ES, Rev T Birchard.
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland, Rd. LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL Services TOWER OF LONDON, ECS: Services TEMPLE CRURCH. Fleet Street, EC4:

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd.

W14: 10 Latin Mast: 11 SM, Pr N Gosnell.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8
HC, 9:30 Parish Communion: 11 8
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HC, 10:40 Parish Communion: 11 8
HC (1662), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Rev S Acland: 6:30 E. In pace (Billicheman), Rev N Ugers.

ST MARK'S. Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8
HC 10 Family HC, Rev T Devonshire Junes. CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: Services resume September

off MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1:
11 Choral M. Responses (Cluces).
Jubilate (Tomkins Second Service),
Sing Joyally (Byrd), Canon C Semper;
12.15 HC.

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ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8
HC (1662): 9.45 Each, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Rejoice in the Lord alway (Rediord), Aveverum (Byrd), Rev M Henwood: 11.30 Visious to London Service, Rev W Batchford: 2.45 Chlinese Service, Rev J Pridmorte

ST MART ABBOTS, Rensington, We: 8
HC (1662); 12.30 HC; 9.30 Parish Buch, Fr F Gelli: 11.15 M (1662), Fr F Gelli: 11.15 M

Gell.

ST MARY'S. Bourne Street, SWI: 9.
9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM. Missa brevis
(Asola), Fr G Reid; 6 Solemn E & B.
ST MARY'S. Primrose Hill, NW3: 8 HC.
10.30 Parish Buch, Rev J Ovenden; 6 E. ST MARYLESONE, Marylebone Road, WI: 8 HC: 11 Choral Euch, Mass (Merbectes), The Rector; 6.30 EP. Merbecks), The Rector: 6.30 EP.
\$T MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung Continuation, Rev E Thompson.
\$T MATTERSW'S, Great Peter St, SW1: 8 LM: 10 SM. Music (Murray), Rev M Hanne

Hayes.

ST MICHASL'S. Chester Square, SWI:
Church building closed for
renovation. Services are being held at
11 & 7 in Greycoal Hospital School.
SWI and at 7 in St James the Less
Church, SWI. ST PAUL'S. Onslow Square, SW7: 1030 Family HC; 630 Informal

SCYCIC.

ST FARR'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9
HC, 11 Ench, Rev C Courtaind,
ST FETER'S, Exton Square, SW1: 8.15
HC, 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Music
Byrd, Pr A Buck,
BT SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street,
SW3: 8. HC, 11 MP, 6.30 E, Rev G
James, James, SI VEDASI, Poster Lane, EC2: 11 Sung Mass, Rev R Avent.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev J H McIndoe. 6.30 Rev J H McIndoe.
CROWN COURT CRURCH OF
SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2:
11.15 & 6.30 Rev S Hood.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street,
W1: 11 Missa aeterna Christi muneza
(Palestrina), Salve Regina (Sewell),
Clbsvit fillos (Tye].
CHURCH OF OUR MOST HOLY
REDEEMER, Cheyne Row, SW3: 10,
11, 12.15 & 6.30 Fr P Nolan.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road,
SW7: 7.8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Mass in G
minor (Vaughan Williams), Lactans
SUM Wiendria 12, 20, 420, 7, 12,048 SW: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Mass in G
minor (Vaughan Williams), Lactanus
sum (Victoria), 12, 30, 4, 30, 7, 3, 30 V &
B, 0 bone Jesu (Dering).

ST ETHELDREDA'S. Ely Piace: 17
Messe base, Ave verum (Pauré).

ST MARY'S. Cadogan Street, SW3:
Masses 8, 30, 10, 11, 12, 15 & 6, 30.

AMERICAN CRUTCH IN LONDON.

Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9, 45 Schmidt.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn. ECI: 10, 30
Rev P. ULA

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH,
King's Road, SW3: 11 Rev M Eraddy; 6
Mis Adele Bird.

RENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charts-maic), Noulng Hill Gare, Wil: 9 Communion, Wydne Lewis: 11 Cetebration, W Lewis: 2.30 Celebration, Gareth Lewis: 5 Teaching: 645 Musical, Chris Denne: 9 Late on Sunday. Teaching: 6A5 Musical, Chris Denne, 9 Late on Sunday.

9 Late on Sunday.

Kensington URC. Allen Street, W8:

11 Rev P Lovelit.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterlandongregational). Trevisiock Place.

WC:: 11 Rev Dr R Scopes.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall). Oxford St W1: 11 Major D Drake: 6-30 Mrs Major Olive Drake.

ST ANDREWS URC. Prognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgen.

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ST HANDREWS URC. NWS: 11 Major D Resham St. BC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev S G Rensom.

MT R RSS.

WESLET'S CHAPEL. City Road, ECZ: 9AS HC; 11 MS, Rev P Hulme.

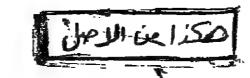
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL SWI: 11 A 6-30. Rev DT R J Tudor.

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WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY
OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins
La WC2: 11 Meeting for worship.

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OBITUARIES

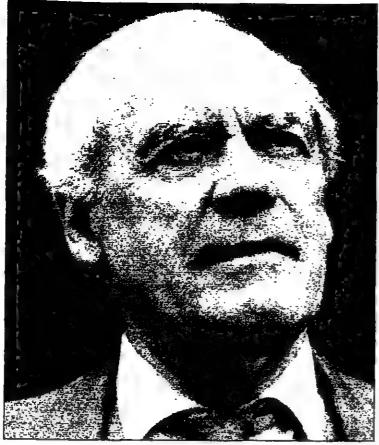
Max Salvadori, DSO, MC, antifascist activist, allied liaison officer and professor of history, died at his home in Northampton, Massachusetts, on August 6 aged 84. He was born in London on June 16. 1908.

THE opposition of Max Salvadori to the rise of fascism in Italy began when he was still a teenager. He came of Italian-British protestant descent and was brought up in Italy, mainly in Florence. His father, a philosopher and author, was unimpressed by the arrival on the scene of Mussolini. This distaste was passed on to his son and in 1924 both Salvadoris were beaten up by the Blackshirts. They had to move to Switzerland, where Max stayed five years and graduated at the University of Geneva.

By the time Salvadori completed his education, which included a doctorate in political science at Rome University, he had a profound determination not to submit to the tyranny beginning to rule his country. Unlike many of his fellow students who sat back wringing their hands, Salvadori became an activist. in 1929, when he was 21, he went back into Italy as the secret represen-tative of Alberto Tarchiami, the exiled politician and one of the leaders of the Giustizia e Liberta party. Under the code name of "Speranza" (Hope) he acted as liaison officer between the party in Italy and the anti-fascists in exile in France. He stirred up trouble for the fascists among the university students in Rome and was an agitator

during his military service. Eventually the OVRA, a police arm of the Ministry of the Interior, caught up with Salvadori. He was first kept in solitary confinement in Regina Coeli, the cynically named prison in Rome. Then he was sentenced to 10

MAX SALVADORI



years "confino" on the island of Ponza, where many political prisoners were held, among them the late Sandro Pertini, who was to become president of Italy. An English cousin with some influence got Salvadori out after a year. He could not stay in Italy and spent three years farming in Kenya before moving to the United States to teach in the economics and sociology departments at St

He kept close links with Giustizia e Liberta and at the first opportunity volunteered for work with British intelligence, which realised that he was an ideal person for contacting US-based Italians who were antifascist. He also passed the time by sabotage against German radio transmitters in Central America.

In early 1943 he was delighted to hear that his application to join the British Army had been accepted. In

February that year he reported to Col Cecil Roseberry, who was running the Italian Country Section for SOE in Baker Street. On July 6, after the usual stint of training, including a parachute course, he arrived at the Club des Pins, SOE's Algerian base west of Algiers, taking on the name of

Capt Max Sylvester.
Thereafter Capt "Sylvester's" work was mainly behind enemy lines. Together with colleagues he set up a base in Sorrento and there organised the escape of Benedetto Croce, the leading liberal anti-fascist whom Mussolini did not dare to touch. For a short time Salvadori carried the title of Mayor of Salemo. As the allied line went forward, so did Max Salvadori. He won his MC for infiltrating agents behind the front. frequently crossing over the lines

He spent some time running up and down the Adriatic coast on various subversive para-naval operations as well as being heavily involved with the new Italian political scene. This developed even more strongly after the liberation of Rome in June 1944, so much so that Harold Macmillan asked him to take a leading part in the development of the newly formed Italian government. Salvadori refused as he regarded his resistance work as incomplete until the whole country had been liberated

His final drop was on February 4 1945 with the mission to proceed to Milan to make contact with the CLNAI (the resistance organisation for Northern Italy). He reached Milan on March 5 and from then until the end of the war in Italy he led a remarkable clandestine life, meeting as many as 50 people a day. It was during this phase of his work that his impeccable sense of security stood him in good stead. It was needed: Milan was stiff with Gestapo, OVRA and the fascist Milizia. For this effort he was awarded the DSO Milan made him an honorary enizen in recognition for his part in liberat

When his work against fascism which he claimed had lasted 23 years, was over he worked briefly for Unesco and then for Nato in Paris. Thereafter he returned to academic life, at Bennington in Vermont and at Smith College. Northampton, where he acceded to the chair of political economics and taught until Max Salvadori was author or

editor of more than 20 books on

modern European history and politics, Among his most widely read works in English were American Capitalism. A Liberal View (1954). Liberal Democracy (1957) and The Liberal Heresy (1977). The recurrence of the word "liberal" was no accident. Max Salvadori was con-cerned with the significance of liberal-democratic institutions and he was unwavering in his opposition to "the fascination that dictatorialism absolutist and inquisitorial - Nazi-Fascist and Leninist in the 20th century — exercises over sectors of the so-called educated classes". His own memoir of the many years he spent fighting fascism appeared in English as The Labour and the Wounds. a personal chronicle of one man's fight for freedom (1954).

Salvadori was an assiduous attender at ceremonies and reunions commemorating anti-fascist struggles in Italy. But he was not able to go to one in honour of himself, "A Day of Study" held earlier this year at his family's home town Porto San Giorgio. The editor of the local paper declared: "Count Salvadori belonged to a privilged family but his sympathies were always for exploited peasants and workers, for the oppressed." He himself put it slightly differently. claiming to be just "an old-fashioned Radical — in the British sense

APPRECIATIONS

Viscount Muirshiel

MAY I add to your kind and fair obituary (August 21) of Viscount Muirshiel — Jack Maday. Long before he left office, his Conservative and Unionist colleagues in the House of Commons knew that he wanted to resign as Secretary of State for Scotland as the post was proving taxing and he was much concerned about his wife, to whom he was devoted, as she was not strong and confined to a wheelchair. His colleagues felt that his work was proving highly successful and his leaving government at that point was to be avoided if possible. Also there was no obvious

As his parliamentary private secretary, I reported this news to Jack and reluctantly but gallantly he agreed to stay on. Several months later circumstances had changed and the opinion of his colleagues was that if he really wished to go we would not say "no" again. Again I discussed all this with Jack and he agreed with the views expressed.

Imagine our dismay, even fury, when his name appeared among that sorry list of ministers who were dismissed on the "night of the long knives". This was grossly unfair to Jack and also misleading. Not only was his work exemplary, but he had been expressly asked to stay on previously. His resignation could have been postponed for a few weeks and the reasons for it clearly and explicitly given, but he never complained. Jack was the most saintly character I knew in politics.

Michael Clark Hutchison

THOSE of us who were

that, by upholding scrupulous-ly his principles of thorough-ness and courteous fairmindedness, he was accepted and respected by those of all political persuasions with whom he came in contact. Those who only experienced his persuasive warmth and charm when he presided at the Scottish Civic Trust annual conferences will be no less aware of how deeply he fell about the importance of Scotland's natural environment and man-made heritage and how tirelessly he worked for the betterment of both. This was exemplified by the leading part which he played in

Muirshiel over the years know



the setting up of the Edinburgh conference, and his keen interest in promoting Scotland's successful contribution to European Architectural Heritage Year, 1975.

That interest was maintained by him to the end and it was only ill-health that prevented him from attending the celebrations to mark the Scottish Civic Trust's 25th anniversary this year.

privileged to work with Lord Lord Cameron of Loch broom

Donald Stewart

ON BEHALF of all Scottish nationalists can I thank you for your fine obituary on Donald Stewart (August 24)? He was a man whose love of his country, his cause, his native language and his beloved Western Isles was always infectious. My own most significant memory of him was when he announced to rapturous applause at an SNP conference several years ago

circumstances accept any honours or titles from the British state, a promise to which he remained loyal as in all else in his life.

"Donny" never lived to see Scotland free again, but he can indeed rest in peace in the sure and certain knowledge that the struggle will continue until this country recovers its stolen statehood and its rightful place in the community of

Alan Clayton

Denning Pearson

that he would never under any

IN YOUR obituary of Denning Pearson (August 5) you wrote only in passing of his most valuable contributions to education as "governor of several schools".

As headmaster of Trent College (1968-88). I recognise the vast debt that technical/design education owes to Denning Pearson. Before the importance of a "rounded education" became widely revognised he made himself available as an inspiration, an

adviser and a practising engineer of international repute to those who taught and those who learnt at Trent. It was largely as a result that more National Design Awards were won at Trent than at any other school at the time, and he was delighted when the accolade of Young Engineer of the Year rested on one of "his" pupils. His tradition has been carried forward to such effect that the present "Young Engineer of Europe" is a Trent pupil.

A. J. Malth.

1972

BILLY WALSH

Billy Walsh, polo manager for nearly forty years of the Ham Polo Club and club president since 1982, died on August 17 aged 84. He was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, in November 1907.

BILLY Walsh began his lifelong association with horses at the age of 16 when he became second whipper-in to Major MacCalmont's Kilkenny Foxhounds. In 1924 he and his cousin came to England and he started work in Barnes. Then he was asked by a distinguished American polo player, Earl Hopping, to take horses to the United States. In America he learned to play polo and stayed []

Walsh returned to America three or four times, and on each occasion became more proficient in the schooling of ponies and the skills of polo. Indeed, in one game he substituted at No 1 in front of Earl Hopping and his son, who like his father was a nine-goal player. In the first chukka Walsh scored five goals and, when asked how he had managed this feat, he said: "It was easy. With a nine and ten goal handicap behind you, the ball just kept coming. All I had to do was to pop them in." At this time he was rated 5 and played with the Hoppings at Meadowbrook, Westchester, Long Island and the Riviera Club in California.

in 1928 he married by Dean and,

unable to take his wife to America, went there alone to fulfil his contract before returning to Britain and settling in Barnes. He worked for Major Magor as the stick and ball man at Roehampton Club and progressed to schooling the Argentinian ponies which Major Magor

In 1936 he was asked by Captain Tom Brigg to come and run the stables and teach polo at the Equestrian Club at Ham near Richmond, Surrey, which Brigg owned. So Billy Walsh's association of nearly 60 years with Ham began.

During the second world war he wanted to enlist in the cavalry, but a fall in the stable-yard, which seriously damaged Denbigh to break in pack horses. When he returned to Ham after the war he found that Tom Brigg had died and the stables were for sale. Using his army gratuity to buy them rather than a house, he became the owner of the Equestrian Club and started polo there in 1946 - the first place to do so after the war.

There were three small polo grounds in the area and about 40 people involved, but fewer than a dozen players. However, in the first post-war tournament, at Roehampton in 1947, Ham defeated teams from all over the United Kingdom in a 14-day competition and it was felt that a small club could survive in spite of the pessimistic view that polo was becoming too expensive to be viable. With Billy Walsh's dedication and enthusiasm, the Ham Polo Club began to take shape. One of the biggest problems was to find

land on which to create a ground for the Club since so much in the area was being claimed for housing and development. It was not until 1954 that the Club was established at Ham House. In the meantime Billy Walsh was enhancing his reputation, both on the polo field and for his skill with horses off it. He played with many famous players of this era, including the Duke of Edinburgh, with whom he and the comedian Jimmy Edwards teamed up for an indoor match at Olympia.

siasm turned Ham into a kindergarten of polo. Many players who started with him went on to success elsewhere. At the international polo day at Smith's Lawn, Windsor, in July 1985, the Queen presented him with a bronze of a player and pony, donations for which had been collected from friends in the polo world. Bryan Morrison, chairman of the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club, who had learned to play with Walsh, named one of the grounds after him. Billy Walsh retired as polo manager in 1982 and was made dub president.

He leaves his widow, lvy, his son, Brian, and his daughter. Peggy, who succeeded him as polo manager.



HENRY CALVERT

the department of astronomy and geophysics at the Science Museum, l 949-67, died on August 15 aged 88. He was born on January 25, 1904. HENRY Calvert was of the

generation of museum curaturs who provided a bridge between the standards and outlook of the pre-war scholarly community and the one which struggled to take on a new form in a period of rehabilitation and recovery. He often seemed unhappy in his work as if he did not realise that his greatest influence was in his insistence on clarity of thought. In refusing to seek admiration he failed to realise inspired quiet He was educated at

Henry Calvert, keeper of

Bridlington School, East Yorkshire. Anyone who



claimed a sensitive ear might have detected, even in Calvert's later years, a touch of a North Country accent, but others would have believed this to be the tone of a man

inclined to lace his conversa-

tion with a good-humoured cynicism. His scientific educa-College, Oxford, the University of Göttingen (where he took his doctorate of philosophy), and London University. His first employment was in industry, as a research physicist with ICI (1928-30) and with Callender's Cables (1932-4). He entered the Science Museum in 1934, at a time when the formidable Henry Lyons had completed his task of shaking off the relics of Victorianism and turning the museum into a twentieth century instrument of scholarship, with attitudes and methods appropriate to its own specialised subject matter. Lyons had been succeeded by H. E. B. Mackintosh, not the most learned of men. perhaps, but a capable administrator who had to tend the museum through a war. Calvert was one of those who took on the post-war burden. He saw the careers of five directors: H. E. B. Mackintosh, Herman Shaw, Frank

Sherwood Taylor, Sir Terence Morrison-Scott, Sir David Follett, and Dame Margaret Weston. He refused to take sides in the bitter wrangling which went on inside the museum following the appointment of Sherwood Tayfor, so bitterly resented by some senior keepers because Sherwood Taylor was an outsider. Calvert understood better than they did that Sherwood Taylor stood for the policies which were to activate not only the museum but much of the scientific world in, to use the current phrase, "the public understanding of

Calvert's war-time service was in ballistics research for the Ministry of Supply, and on

his return to the Science Museum he benefited from the increase in the number of separate departments, becoming a deputy keeper in 1946 soon after his return and keeper in 1949. As head of a department he guided a team of physicists covering a wide range of topics. which he did patiently and harmoniously.

He took some part in the wider world of the history of science, being treasurer of the British Society for the History of Science from 1952 to 1963. and could be relied upon to add to the sharpness of discussion and also to the social warmth of many a specialist conference. It was, in fact, in the relaxed atmosphere of the informalities that accompany gatherings of scholars that he was at his best, intolerant of second-rate thinking while tolerant of many another human

His career came to a close in stages. He was persuaded to take an early formal retire-ment from his keepership in 1967 reverting to an assistant keepership for the next two years. He did not really like this and insisted on using an unofficial title of keeper emeritus. When fully retired he made much of local life in his home village of Merstham. consoled by his skill in chess

and bridge. He had married in 1934 Eileen Mary Frow, known as Bobbie" to family and friends. They had two daughters. "Bobbie" died before him and, as his response to letters of sympathy showed, his last days were bound to be shadowed. But he will be remembered with great respect as one who wanted the museum to be approached through the grove of academe and not through the market place.

ON THIS DAY Aug 29

There was widespread regret at the death in a flying accident of Prince William of Gloucester, a young man of spirit, initiative and determination. He was the

elder son of the late Duke of Gloucester and Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester.

PRINCE'S DEATH IN AIR CRASH From Arthur Osman. Halfpenny

Green, Staffs.

Prince William of Gloucester died here this afternoon 30 seconds after taking off at 15.32 hours 27 seconds in his Piper Cherokee single-engine aircraft in the seventh annual Goodyear International Air Trophy race.

His co-pilot in the black, yellow and white aircraft, was Mr Vyrell Mitchell, aged 45, sales director of CSE Aviation, Kidlington, Oxon, who was also killed. His wife. Gillian, saw the crash Mr Mitchell has flown with the prince before in races. and his company are the United Kingdom distributors for Piper

The aircraft, with Prince Wiln at the controls, had taken off on the short runway in a north-easterly direction. It was banking to port to turn on a westerly course for the first fivemile lap of the 18-mile course. According to eye-witnesses, it had dimbed to about 100ft and was over half a mile from the main buildings when during a "steepish" bank it lost height and hit a 30ft tree. It lost a wing and open and for a further and careered on for a further 100 yards before bursting into flames. It was the first time the prince had taken part in the Goodyear race, which counts sowards the international air

racing championships.

Mr William Tench. deputy chief inspector of accidents. Department of Trade and Industry, arrived at the scene late tonight He will be joined by two

wreckage will be taken for reassembly and close examina-tion at the Royal Aircraft

Establishment, Farnborough. The prince and Mr Mitchell bodies were recovered from the wreckage within about 20 min-utes, after the fire had been extinguished by two airfield appliances manned in part by RAF volunteers.

A helicopter with a doctor on board was on the scene within four minutes. Later the bodies were taken, with a police escort, to Wordesley mortuary, Staffordshire, after Mr DF, Cave, the South Staffordshire

Coroner, had visited the scene. The first people there were three youths Derrick Purton: aged 18, Richard Fowler, aged 7. and Brian Bishop, aged 13 from Yew Tree Farm. Half-penny Green. They were in the next field when the aintraft

Derrick Purton said: "We saw down and burst into flames. He was banking when he hit the tree. The flames started within about 20 seconds, and we ran up to try and get the two men out. They were strapped in and we med to smash off the tail, but the to retreat."

The race continued, with the 50,000 growd unaware of the prince's death A pall of smoke could be seen at the edge of the field, but no official announcemeni was made.

The prince had arrived for the race with Mr and Mrs Mitchell at about 11.45am having flown from the family home at Barnwell Manor. Northamptonshire. He had a light lunch and soft drinks and while charting with officials said he had started racing last August. He had been in three or four races this year, he said. The best position he had was seventh and

The Queen, at Balmoral Castle, last night sent a private message of sympathy and condolence to the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester at their

Archaeology

Modern warrior helps to pinpoint ancient battle site

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

A BRITISH Army officer has helped German archaeologists to pinpoint the site of one of the most crucial battles of anuquity, when three Roman legions were annihilated in northern Germany. The battle of the Teutoberger Wald in AD9 was the first major Roman defeat in two centuries, and ended serious attempts to bring the Germanic tribes within the Empire.

More than 700 locations have been proposed for the battle, which took place when the Romans under Publius Quinctilius Varus, governor of Germania Inferior, crossed the Rhine in the summer of

AD9 to suppress the Cheruschi and other troublesome tribes and show the imperial eagle in what is now Westphalia. The army, consisting of the 17th, 18th and 19th Legions, was described by the historian Velleius 20 years later as "the most profi-cient of all, ranking first in discipline, strength and military experience among all the Roman forces".

Varus was a lax commander. and poor tactician, however, and led his troops into a trap: they were ambushed by Arminius (Herman), the Cheruschi ruler, and his allies and in three days of vicious

wiped out. Varus and his commanders fell on their swords: Varus's

fighting the legions were

intermediary to the Emperor Augustus, who for years afterwards, according to Suetonius, would beat his head against the door with a cry of "Quinctilius Varus, give me back my legions!" Deleated seven years later by a punitive expedition under Germanicus. Arminius also came to a sticky end, murdered by his OWN TOOPS.

Although Tacitus and Dio Cassius, as well as Velleius, wrote about the catastrophe.

its site has never been certain: in 1875 the Germans erected a grandiose 190-foot statue at Desmold to commemorate one of the defining events of their nation. Now what seems likely to be the true location has been found, 60 miles to the north, near Osnabrück. This discovery came after

Captain Anthony Clunn received permission from Dr Wolfgang Schlüter, of the Osnabrück museum, to use his metal detector to follow up accidental finds of Roman coins in an area just north of the Kalkrieser Berg, a prominent hill just east of Bramsche. Five years ago. Captain Clunn

found a cache of 162 denarii. all dating to the reign of Augustus but before AD9. Then he found three lead slingstones, similar to those used by Roman troops. Dr Schlüter wondered if a battle had taken place, and assigned an assistant. Klaus Fehrs, 10 survey the area.

Numerous fragments of military hardware, and the copper coins known as asses in which ordinary troops were paid, were discovered, and Herr Fehrs also found an earthen rampart some 200 metres long and two metres high, reinforced with timber stakes. Radiocarbon dating

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first century AD. Among the best pieces of evidence are two fasteners

from a cuirass, with inscriptions denoting them the property of Marcus Aius of the first cohort, and the century commanded by Fabricius. Al-though his legion has not yet been established. Marcus Aius would have been a heavilyarmed legionary. Dr Schlüter now hopes to

placed the rampart in the early

find the tumulus and monument set up by Germanicus in Source: Archaeology 45 No. 5:

> scher snapped up. Can is o you see how?

Hoteliers put brave face on a bad year

Continued from page 1 Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, will be supplying

would-be purna hunters with a kit including a video camera to capture any sighting of the elusive beast.

Some are still putting a brave face on what is proving to be one of the worst years on record for the £25 billion tourist industry. Nigel Butler, of the West Country Tourist Board, said that one third of members were enjoying increased business this year. The other two thirds were well down. "We are keeping our fingers crossed and although this weekend is important many of our members will continue attracting holiday custom well into November. There is time yet," he said.

In Bournemouth hoteliers are hoping that September and October will bring better fortune. "The industry at the moment is being run by three things - bank managers, receivers and fear," said John Major of the Bournemouth hoteliers and restaurants association. "Some are 30 per cent down on last year and others only 10-15 per cent down. Even if the weather had been brilliant this weekend it would not have enabled us to catch up with what has gone before.

A survey carried out in North Cornwall showed that 59 per cent of holiday business owners had had enough and were thinking of selling up. The British Tourist Authority believes that the sea-son overall will be at least 5 per cent down on last in the number of visitors to resorts and attractions.

Recent bad weather at home has brought a sharp jump in the number of people booking foreign holidays. "For the last two weeks we have seen increases of between 25 and 30 per cent. nearly all of them for almost immediate holidays," said Peter Rothwell, marketing director of Lunn Poly.

> Puma hunt, page 2 Bus station romance, Saturday Review



The way they were: one of the early novice Norland nannies with her charges



The way they are: trainee nursery nurses with their teacher and children outside their Berkshire college

Nannies mark century of excellence

By LOUISE HIDALGO

NORLAND namies, whose rigorous training has over the years become a byword of namying excellence, cele-brate their college's centenary next

Mrs Emily Ward, the founder, is to be honoured on September 25 with a reunion of graduates, the oldest of them 92, at the Georgian mansion in the Berkshire countryside near Hungerford where the Nodand training college is now housed.
It was in 1892 that Mrs Emily

Ward, a teacher and formidable Vic-torian radical, began to question the idea of the time that the care of

infants was best left to housemaids. She decided, somewhat snobbishly but in keeping with the social think-ing of the time, to set up a training scheme for "gentlewomen who as-pired to be teachers but lacked the academic ability to undertake the heavyweight studies prescibed". Her Training School for Ladies as Children's Nurses was opened in Norland Place in west London, and the Nor-

land nannies were born. More than 9,000 nannies have since passed through the rigorous two-year training. Much has changed, however, since the days of the draco-

nian Mrs Ward. In the early days of the Norland Institute, students could be expelled for such minor offences as reading while pushing a pram or gathering to gossip in groups. Boyfriends were strictly forbidden.

Today's Norlanders are put through a finn-on 18

a demanding curriculum which ranges from child psychology and health to the social skills of living neath to the social skins of hying within a family. Louise Davis, the college principal, says the training pays off students recieve on average of between seven and 15 job offers each and can command salary packages worth up to £20,000 a year.

Independent schools dominate A-level results

WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the page jungle. Which definition are correct? By Philip Howard

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LOPPER

Continued from page 1 levels necessary to get to

university. David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that league tables would sound the death knell for some independent schools, increase tension between parents and heads and intensify competition between state and private sectors. "The tables will be an interesting

and diverting breakfast-time read, but they will add little or nothing to our total sum of knowledge about schools," he

Rev Dominic Milroy, the chairman of the Headmasters' Conference and headmaster of Ampleforth tion with the results. "A comparision with results over the previous five years would suggest that standards are

rising." However, he criti-cised league tables and competition between schools with different admissions policies on the basis of raw results as misleading: "Tables distort aims and achievements."

A separate comparison of independent schools' performance over the past five years confirms that A-level results fluctuate even at the most academic schools. Between 1987 and 1991, Winchester

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College had the highest average score, followed by King Edward's School,

Birmingham.
The table includes most, but not all of the top state schools' results. Some schools have chosen not to divulge their scores, while others have proved impossible to contact.

A-level league, page 5 thew D'Ancona, page 12 Leading article, page 13

Bosnia peace deadline delayed

Continued from page 1 day evening because they ob-jected to being singled out for blame in the document on Serbia. The Bosnians, in turn, said they would leave if the paper, which detailed the threat of tougher sanctions.

was not adopted.

Mr Major resolved the issue with a sleight of hand that won him strong praise as conference chairman. Using the Russians as intermedian

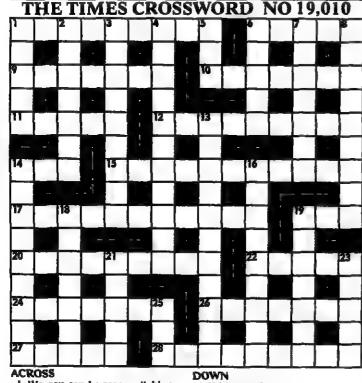
ies, he found that the Serbs were sensitive about another long session repeating the tough condemnations of the first day. He therefore tabled the paper, which satisfied the Bosnians, then summed up saying that some good con-cessions had been made by the Serbs but they now had to prove their goodwill on the ground. He deciared the meeting closed before anybody could quibble. The talks

will continue now in Geneva. Asked yesterday about his views on air strikes on Scroia, Lord Owen said his remarks had been intended to increase pressure, and this had happened. He said he was a "servant of the EC" and would set out on Monday for three days of discussions with EC governments.

Waiting game, page 10 Leading article, page 13

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I Woman can be seen as liable to divorce (9).

6 Senior officer in charge gives one the gripes (5).

9 Infantry excluded from set-piece 10 Private article found in bed (7).

11 A light-hearted cartoonist with a feeling of satisfaction (5). 12 Spending money on funeral preparations (6,3).

14 For example, Red Marshal took it in prison once (3).

15 Pastime provides a merry few

17 Request for help in alighting not made specially (5-2-4). 19 It's a little cleaner in the South of

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24 Fell out with small people's country (3-4).

26 Agreeing to be casual sort of acquaintance (7). 27 One said to be recording taxo-

nomic divisions (5). 28 One who dispatches a warship

Solution to Puzzle No 19.004 MASTHEAD ABROAD A I A N S O U O

1 Wide mouth displayed by model

2 Half the team holding an orchid

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Struggle to put on uniform (11). must leave Hebridean island where I originated (3).

6 All one's work found in a chapter

7 Falsely claimed to have the rest

8 The cads one's thrashed and beaten (9).

13 Warning not to wait for part in Coward's play? (6.5).

14 Husband in difficulty over a little money — what's here is no use 15-

16 Failed as diver? (4.5). 18 Colleague admits love of haugh-

19 Cook would change top of this vegetable (7).

21 Old actor rejected by a Normandy theatre (5).

23 Lily perhaps is such a forceful personality (5). 25 Cheated in two ways (3).

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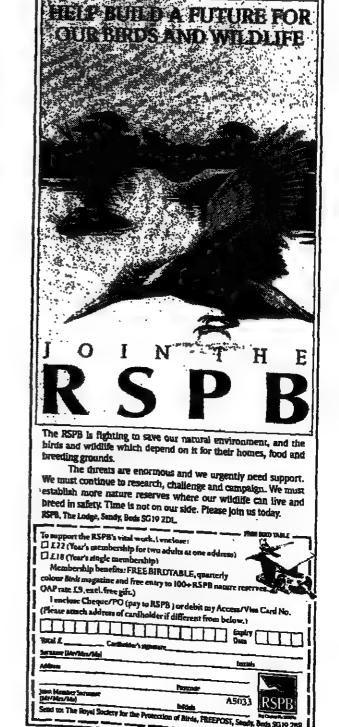
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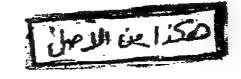
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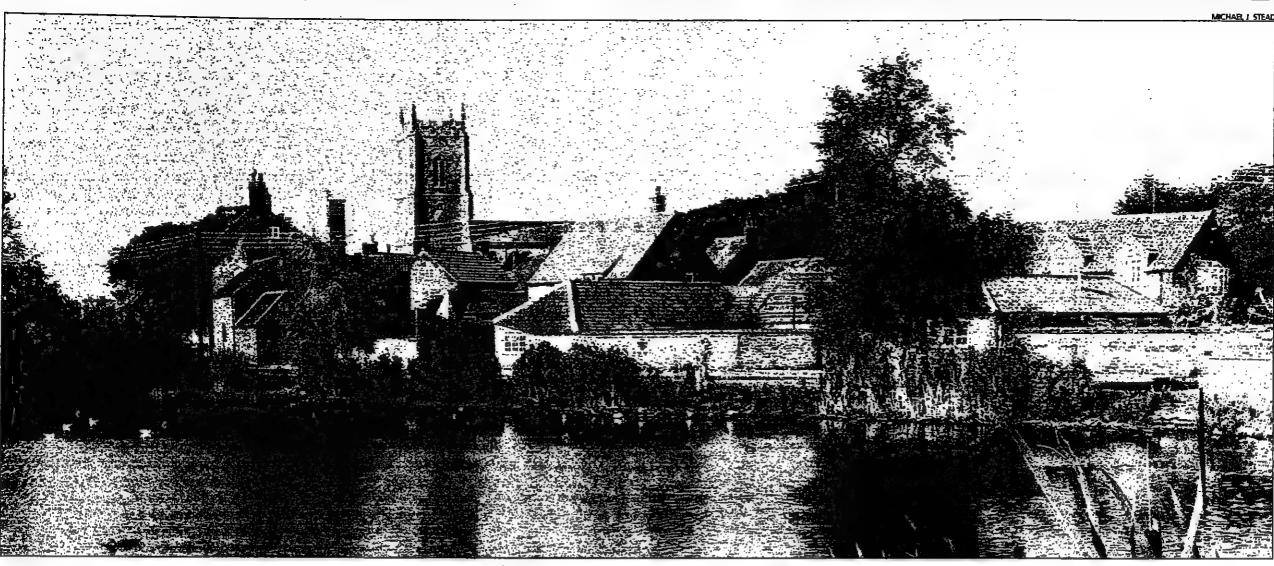
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WEEKEND TIMES

SATURDAY AUGUST 29 1992

John Timpson lives happily tucked away from tourists and progress in deepest Norfolk. He explains his affection for the real country



A gentle tale of village folk

introduction to the country life. The earlier stages of the journey had involved leaving Liverpool Street station via Bethnal Green and Hackney, an experience which 40 years ago was even more depressing than it is today. The final stage was even worse, a ride in an ancient double-decker from the station at Norwich into the heart of what most people would call deep Norfolk, but which Norfolkmen, who like to "du diffrent", refer to as High Norfolk. At first sight it is an unspectacular landscape, a succession of beet and barley fields with a scattering of cottages and the occasional farmhouse, all apparently uninhabited. To a born-and-bred suburbanite, on a wet Sunday in January in the early 1950s, it looked like the end of the civilised

I had left Harrow to venture into the unknown world of rural journalism, in this case the Dereham & Fakenham Times. It was a path that many others have trodden, hoping it would lead them back in due course to fame and fortune in Fleet Street, and if the opportunity came they were happy to shake the mud of the provinces off their feet and return to the joys of Metroland. I suppose I went to Norfolk with much the same ambition, and indeed as that bus penetrated deeper into the sodden hinterland of High Norfolk, I am sure I looked forward to getting out again.

But during the next eight years, as I became acclimatised to the realities of rural life, which in those days meant a privy down the garden more than roses round the door, I came to appreciate the quality of life in a small and fairly remote rural community. When I did return to London and reporting job with the BBC, I returned with reluctance. I never lost touch with the world I now felt myself a part of, a world where life proceeded in a civilised fashion, at its own speed, as it had done for centuries, in a way which I could never experience in the big towns.

The same applies in countless other villages outside Norfolk, and over the years I have sought out a good many of them all over England, but High Norfolk in its isolated corner of East Anglia has more than most. The Industrial Revolution virtually passed it by and until recent years so did the property developers, the travel agents and the long-distance London commuters. The branch railways which used to serve it have long since disappeared, along with the ancient double-decker and its fellows, and the nearest motorway stops short at Cambridge, 50 miles to the south. The smaller villages have no mains sewerage, even some of the larger ones are without a school or a doctor, street lighting and pavements are a luxury.

regarded with such affection by someone who spent his first 20 years in the suburbs, and returned to the London area for another 30. I find it difficult to explain myself, but perhaps it is because these communities are carrying on where many, many generations have gone before, living in the same surroundings, often in the same house, trying to preserve the same values and the same special quality of rural life. I feel it most strongly in the unglamorous villages which are numely "down-to-earth" - most of the families are still linked to the land, and life is still lived by the seasons. They have an atmosphere of timelessness and permanency;

only the people change.

It is all epitomised, I suppose, by the village church, and this applies particularly in Norfolk, with its 650 medieval churches, each one has the story of its parish preserved in its monuments, its windows, its decorations and its furnishings. The one opposite my cottage has stood there for 700 years, from the days when the village had two Lords of the Manor and two rectors, through the prosperous years of the wool trade and the hard times of Victorian rural poverty to the mechanisation of the farms and the much-reduced and partly "incorner" population of the present day, with no longer two rectors or even one, just a one-seventh share. Throughout it all, St Andrew's has remained much the same, except that so many generations of vil-lagers are buried around it that the churchyard is now 3ft higher than the surrounding land. Like countless other churches all over England, it remains the heart of

the village.
But it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a village which has remained as unchanged as its church. Even in High Norfolk we have the retirement bungalows and the holiday homes. We have the



A Timpson favourite: Great Massingham, Norfolk (top) and villagers Canon Cedric Bradbury, sub-postmistress Sheila Smith, Dione and Charles Fosgate from the store, and publican Mike Allen

ugly in-filling in the village centres, the red-brick estates all around. Some English villages suffer much more, but they may still be able to retain their identity; they

may still preserve some fascinating reminders of their more deeply rooted past, and the folk who lived there in more gentle, leisurely days. They may have more to commend them, in fact, than the more obvious choices of the photograohers and the coach parties, because some of the villages which have managed to preserve their original appearance are not always

he Big House in the park

may look just as impos-ing, but it is probably a hotel, or a private school, or an expensive nursing home. In the village pub there are plenty of ploughman's lunches, but not too many ploughmen. The larger houses probably have bed-and-breakfast signs in the windows, and down the village street, behind those timbered frontages and quaint bow windows, there are souvenir shops and tearooms and the inevitable "antiques".

That is why, when I go in search of a genuine English village with a genuine story to tell, I am wary of those which the gazetteers call picture-book", because that may be all they are, just a pretty picture. One has to dig a little deeper to discover if there is anything beyond the obvious, behind the façade.

For instance, I found myself recently at Castle Combe, Wiltshire, often acclaimed as the prettiest village in England, so its streets are permanently packed with tourists throughout the summer. I duly admired the weavers' cottages, long since devoid of weavers, and the Big House, once occupied by Lords of the Manor, now the Manor House Hotel. But then I headed for the church, always the place to find an unexpected gern and take a sudden step back into history, and there it was, something I have seen in no other church, an ancient font with a stone book-rest carved on to the side of the bowl, so the priest could read the baptism prayers with both hands free for the baby. The church guidebook calls it unique, and I have no reason to doubt it. But who was the ingenious medi-eval mason who designed it, and

on? Fascinating stuff.

In spite of a discovery like that, I still prefer to avoid a "picture-book village". Much more rewarding, in my view, are the unfashionable working villages where people still lead much the same lives as their forebears, maintaining their traditions, preserving their legends, and hoping to remain undisturbed by incomers, tourists, developers, or even writers, who I am afraid have a lot to answer for in the disruption of our villages. If their books are made into films or television series, the effects are even worse. How many coachloads of sightseers have invaded that once-peaceful area of Yorkshire which is now labelled 'Herriot Country"?

And how many Wordsworth buffs have followed the trail from his home in Cockermouth to the quiet little hamlet he immortalised in "The Beauty of Buttermere"? Yet even these over-publicised villages have attraction for me, quite outside their literary connections. At Buttermere, for instance, there was once a lay preacher called Robert Walker, who fulfilled his duties so assiduously that he was

known as Wonderful Walker. He augmented his tiny stipend by doing a little ploughing and clothspinning, but he also benefited from four local customs which rejoiced in the names of clog-shoes, harden-sark, whittle-gate and goose-gate. They meant that he received free shoes and clothing, free food and board, and free civilised form of parish support for the church which present-day diocesan finance committees may well envy. This is one village where at least the names live on, and for me this is the real Beauty of Buttermere.

Best of all, however, are those villages, increasingly rare but still somehow surviving, which have remained undiscovered by other writers and ignored by the tour operators, yet still have a curious ature in their history, or a strange

In the Cotswolds, for example, while everyone else flocks to Broadway and Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water, there is a quiet lane along the Windrush valley which leads to the lovely riverside village of Sherborne. The family mansion of the Duttons. who were squires here for four centuries, has been converted into luxury flats, but you will still find their monuments in the church which adjoins it - and one of them, a stonemason's nightmare. Under a grandiose effigy of Sir John Dutton, draped in a toga and leaning nonchalantly on a convenient urn, the inscription is slightly marred because the mason carved the name of Sir John's grandfather as John Barwick, then discovered too late it was Peter - so he just scored out the "John" and carved "Peter" above it. The correction is still there, some 250 years later, and wherever the stonemason is, no doubt his face is still red.

In North Yorkshire, if you turn south from those much-tramped moors into the less scenic and

comparatively deserted Vale of York, you may find a village which had its dramatic moment of glory in 1991, when it reached the final of the national village cricket competition. Its name, Harome, could rhyme with Jerome or even Salome, but it actually dates back to a 12th-century Steward of Helmsley Castle, Drew de Harum, as in harum-scarum. The team they sent to Lord's did that to their opponents, and although they lost to a much larger and more cosmopoli-tan village they returned to Yorkshire as heroes. They still talk about it in the cosy thatched and timbered Star Inn, and at the tiny cricker ground up the lane. Even the church magazine rose to the occasion with the headline "The Lord's Day".

arome has only 300 inhabitants, but a few miles away is the even smaller hamlet of Salton, just a cluster of cottages around a pocket-handkerchief green, and a medieval church with, incongruously, a chimney poking out of the chancel roof. Inside, among the usual memorials and tablets, the Victorians installed a little open fireplace by the priest's chair - not a thing of beauty, perhaps, but no doubt a joy for the parson on a chilly Sunday morning, and another unexpected discovery for the casual visitor.

The chimney and the fireplace are difficult to miss, but you may not spot the odd feature of a war memorial in another remote and tiny village, this time in Norfolk. The names of the fallen are listed alphabetically - except for Frederick Pile, who comes right at the end. Mr Pile, it turns out, was arguably the unluckiest casualty of the first world war; he was killed when a Zeppelin inexplicably dropped a bomb in the village street. After the war a great debate ensued - should Frederick Pile's name be included on the memorial? The objectors argued that he had not died in active service, so he didn't qualify, but the Pile lobby said he was still killed by enemy action. And so a classic compromise was reached: his name went on the memorial — last. There it still is, a reminder of a sad fatality, a bizarre little controversy, and a happy

The delightful little village where it all happened is tucked away in the heart of Norfolk's farming country and is still quite unspoilt - just a couple of farmhouses, a single street of cottages, a 700-yearold flint-walled church, and that memorial. But unlike Frederick Pile, its name will remain unrecorded - because I happen to live

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PRIZE CROSSWORD, PAGE 10



Here, in nine letters, is a clue to what to do over the holiday weekend. There are prizes of £50 each for the first five winners



Nottingham, 'a town full of improbable splendours', has far more to its bow than Robin Hood and Sherwood Forest

Bank holiday specials this week include delicious recipes for entertaining, best buys in wines, places to visit (even buy)

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS, PAGES 6,7,11

"Phizmongery" Hogarth called it.

For Sotheby's British portraits are a continuing success. This painting of the future king Edward VI sold for £52,800, head and shoulders above the pre-sale estimate.



aged nine, from the July 1992 sale. Sold for £52,800.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS SALE: 18TH SEPTEMBER.

Highlights of this sale already include Allan Ramsay's delightful 1760 portrait of Elizabeth Gunning, Duchess of Argyll and Constable's glorious view of Salisbury Cathedral. If you're interested in selling, your portraits, landscapes, watercolours and drawings by British artists could be worth a king's ransom, too. Please contact David Moore-Gwyn or Henry Wennyss on 071-408 5406 or 5409 as soon as possible.

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ALIEN 3 (18): Sigourney Weave fights another alien infestation in P space. Punishingly drab Charles Dance; director, David Fincher.

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Ghetto guy: Tupac Shakur with Omar Epps in Juice

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NEW DIRECTORS 30: Six shorts funded by the British Film Institute Mark Nash's Between Two Worlds and a semi-documentary Capoeira Ouickstep are pleasing; otherwise, depressing. Metro (071-437 0757)

LONDON

swatting flies in a Mexican hotel while working on a Rambo film. Absorbing character studies. mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm.

AMPHIBIANS: Latest Billy Roche play, charting change and the passing of old tradition in County Wexford (where else?). The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 7.15pm, opens Thurs, 7pm. GAMBLERS: Oleg Menshikov,

performing in English for the first time, with Mark Rylance in Tricyde, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Previews from Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat. 4pm.

Laurence Boswell's first production since becoming the Gate's artistic director. Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Previews Wed, Thurs, 7.30cm, Opens Fri. 7.30pm. Then Mon-5at, 7,30pm. Until Oct 3.

Ring Lardner/George S. Kaufman vintage 1929. Alan Strachan direct

Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). ws from Thurs, 8pm with mat next Sat (Sept 5), 4pm. Opens Sept 8, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, THE MADRAS HOUSE: Roger Aliam heads strong cast in Granville Barker's proto-feminist, senous

lammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat.

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(071-638 8891). Today mat, 2pm, eve, 7.15pm, Mon, Tues, Wed, promising version of Gogal's drama of a hussar and four con-men.

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comedy, set in an Edwardian fashion

Lyric, King Street, Opens Wed, 7pm. Then Mon-2.30pm. Until Oct 10. SOPHOCLES' OEDIPUS PLAYS:

Gerard Murphy in the title role

Thrilling trilogy: Gerard Murphy as the doomed hero of Sophocles' Oedipus Plays at the Barbican (see Theatre)

first seen last year at Stratford Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews: Oedipus Trilogy: today and Thurs, 4.30pm. Oedipus rannos: Mon and Wed, 7.15pm. Oedipus at Colonus and Sept 10: 4.30pm. Then in repertoin

BIRMINGHAM: Tony Slattery in Radio Times, musical featuring Noel Gay's wartime songs. Comes to Birmingham Rep, Broad Stree (021-236 4455). Previews from Fri, 7.30pm. Opens Sept 8, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7,30pm, mats Thurs 2.30pm, Sat, 3pm.

GLASGOW: Citizens' autumn leason opens with The Home Show Pieces, David Greenspan's four playlets, set in different rooms of his nero's home: Third Theatre, previews Tues, opens Wed. The Wasp Factory, adaptation of lain Banks' hair-raising novel is at the Second Theatre, previews Wed. with Stephen MacDonald is at the First Theatre, previews Thurs, Citizens, Gorbals (041-429)

0022). Tues-Sun, 7.30pm. TAUNTON: Opening date for Cambridge Theatre Company's Lulu. Contains controversial scenes omitted in previous translations. Brewhouse, Coal Orchard (0823-283244), Tues-Sat, 7,45pm. Mats Thurs and Sat. 2.30pm.

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BBC WELSH SO/OTAKA Tadaaki Otaka, the BBC Weish Symphony's Principal Conductor, conducts the Landon miere of a BBC comm from his compatriot, Toru

performance of Fantasma/Cantos was given last September in Cardiff, The work, for claringt and orchestra, uses a structure intended to resemble a Japan garden, through which the BBC Proms. Albert Hall, South Kensington, London SW7 (071-823 9998), tonight, 7.30pm.

CONCERTGEBOUW/CHARLLY: This is one great orchestra that is not afraid to balance the familiar with more recent work. In the first of two Edinburgh appearances under Riccardo Chailly they combine (No 45) and Beethoven's Symphon No 4 with Luciano Berio's Requies, completed in 1985 (Lisher Hall, Mon, 8pm); the second Webern's first major orchestral work, the 1908 Passacaglia, with Beethoven's Plano Concerto No 4 (Maria Joec Pires the soloist) and

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Shearing teams up with the emotional balladeer Carol Kidd (Thurs, 8.30pm). Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031-668 2019), Mon-Fri.

ROOK READING FESTIVAL: This annual highlight on the rock calendar celebrates its 20th year this weekend with bands including Ride and rap giants Public Enemy today, while tomorrow sees the event's undisputed main attraction, Ninvana, alongside Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds,

Teenage Fandub and fellow Seattle-ites, Mudhoney. Reading Festival, Richfield Avenue, Reading (081-845 8882), ioday and tomorrow, noon-

THROWING MUSES: Expect anything from volcanic rock to the still small voice of calm as Kristin Hersh takes the new look, stripped down Throwing Muses on tour, Leicester University (0533 556282), Fri. 8pm.

DANCE

THE NUTCHACKER One-half of Opera North's Tchaikovsky double bill — the other being the oneact opera Yolanta — which recreates the original St Petersburg pairing of the two works. Matthew Bourne is the stylish chorecorapher. King's Theatre, Leven Street, Edinburgh (031-225 5756), tonight,

PINA BAUSCH: Fev choreographers have been as influential as Germany's innovative Pina Bausch, Her Tanztheater Wuppertal returns resent Bausch's chamber work. Cafe Müller. The choreographer herself joins a group of six performers for this piece about emotional encounters, set to four songs by Henry Purceil. Linusually for her work. Cafe Müller is less than one hour long.

SALEROOMS

MONDAY AND TUESDAY: Sotheby's pay their annual visit to Gleneagles Hotel, Auchterarder, Perthshire. On Monday there are sessions of silver and jewels, 10.30am, Wernyss ceramics, 3pm, and sporting guns, 6,30pm. On Tuesday there are Scottish pictures at 5pm and 8pm. otheby's, 34-5 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-493 8080).

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EXHIBITIONS

THE PAINTED NUDE: Up until the time of Etty in the early 19th century the nude in British excuse in the shape of a subje from classical myth or a Biblical story. But from then on it. gradually became accepted in its own right, until today it can be like Lucian Freud without raise eyebrows. This new display charts the history of this change from the gallery's own collection.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071 821 1313), Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Sun, 2-5.30pm, until Dec 27.

MANET: THE EXECUTION OF MAXIMILIAN: The immediate occasion of this exhibition is the National Gallery's own Manet of Maximilian of Mexico. Also on display are other Manet paintings with political overtones. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321). Daily, 10am-6pm (Wed

OLD MASTER DRAWINGS: This amazing selection, first seen in Michelangelos, five Raphaels and two Leonardos, as well as works by Rembrandt, Rubens, Dürer, Claude, Watteau, Holbein, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford (0865 278000), Tues-Sat 10am 4pm, Sun 2-4pm, until Oct 11. WYNDHAM LEWIS: Lewis's suffused with pity and terror. For him the poetry was not, as for Wilfred Owen, entirely in the pity; there is a terrible beauty in the way that man in war becomes a machine. The result is a comple of response hardly hinted at in Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 (071-

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VIDEO

CITY OF HOPE (20:20 Vision, 15): John Sayles's ambitious, multilayered tale of simmering conflicts in a New Jersey town. The teening structure limits udiences' emotional involvement. but the dialogue bites. Vincent

Spano, Joe Morton, 1991. THE FAVOUR, THE WATCH AND THE VERY BIG FISH (20:20 Vision, 15): Uneven but likeable absurdity from a Marcel Aymé story about a French photographer of devotional scenes. Bob Hoskins, Jeff Goldblum, Natasha Richardson; director, Ben Lewin. 1991.

MELANCHOLIA (Artificial Eye, 15): Drably fitled but vigorous thriller directed by film distributor Andi Engel, with Jeroen Krabbe as a former German radical marooned in London, 1989.

NAKED WINCH (First independent, 18): A film like no other, skilfully carved from William Burroughs's novel by Peter Weller is mesmerising as the writer-hero in a drug-induced Tangler of the mind. 1992.

BOOKINGS

THE SCHOOL OF NIGHT: The premiere of this new play is erformed at Stratford this October. The drama re-opens a case officially closed 400 years add that of Christopher Marlov murder at Deptford in May 1953. Peter Whelan's play portrays complete his most serene poem amid the crossfire of Pro and Catholic politics, finally driven into hiding in the deserted theatre that once housed his plays. The play is directed by Bill

The Other Place, Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789-295623). Previews from Oct 28. Opens Nov 4.

ILOGO WEDLING: The Women's Playhouse Trust will bring a new opera based on Lorca's play to the Docklands, London. Drawing on the passions and politics of 1930s Spain, Blood Wedding explores the new bride and her former lover. t is produced by Jules Wright, with an original score by Nicola Lefanu.

Jacob Street Studios, Mill Street, London SE1 (071-497-9977).

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What people want now is the glamour of being on television, Lynne Truss writes, even if this entails filming themselves



LOCH Ness. An old mobile library, converted into a simple home, sits by the side of the peaceful, deserted loch, its wooden wind gener-

ator aloft and gently and smoke chuffing pleasantly from a chimney. Inside. illuminated by light from an open door, a young man named Steve is talking to a dog, attempting to engage it in conversation.

"Ow-uuuur," Steve whines, enthe dog whines back. Steve gets animated and whines some more; as does the dog. They whine alternately, in fact, until the dog, rather abruptly, simply runs out of things to say, or possibly remembers an appointment elsewhere. At which point Steve turns to the camera, and explains to the viewer precisely what he and the dog have been talking about.

Steve Feltham's Desperately Seeking Nessie was shown early in Seeking Nessie was shown early in the current run of Video Diaries on Saturday nights (BBC2), and was outstanding for all sorts of reasons. Tracing his first year as a dedicated monster-hunter, his film was sharp, personal, good at interviews (even with recalcitrant dogs), and very funny. Sitting on Hadrian's Wall, for example, he remarked that years ago it was "crawling with that years ago it was "crawling with Italians". But what was great about Steve Feltham's diary was encapsulated in that excellent moment of turning to the camera and inter-

preting his little chat with the dog.

The trouble with some video diarists, you see, is that camera fetishism can take over. It is as though the viewfinder narrows their view of the world, rather than opening it out; and it is as though the video tape dismally eats up their experience, too, rather than communicating it to a waiting world.

If last week's Not a Transvestite was disappointing, it was because the transsexual diarist (Mjka, formerly Mike) generally used the camera as either a dull record of events ("how I walked upstairs: a knee's eye view") or as a tiresome friend who insisted on being plonked down on a table to listen to the latest setback. Both are besetyou at home vertiginous and fatigued (sick and tired, if you prefer). But back with Steve and the dog, here we had a diarist apparently

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sitting casually indoors making his camera for company; yet at the same time refreshingly aware of an audience beyond the camera — for whom, in fact, the camera per se was of no interest whatsoever.

Sorry to bang on about ancient history (a month is a very long time in broadcasting) but this man was a natural video diarist, whose evident instinct for directing not only gave the whole film a highly professional appearance, but also helped him invaluably in putting across his unique point of view. By the end of Desperately Seeking Nessie, he had persuaded the viewer that devoting one's life to scanning a 22-mile Scottish loch with a pair of binos was not at all ridiculous, but was actually the best life-decision a young Dorset burglar-alarm salesman could possibly have made,

Anyway, I mention all this because the series is nearly fin-ished, and because tonight's film, The Man Who Loves Gary Lineker, is another great success in the point-of-view department.

onight's diarist is Ylli Hasani, an Albanian doctor with spectacularly good English, who does indeed love Gary Lineker. What makes his devotion remarkable is that he can feed it only by spending evenings alone in a virtually empty room listening to the BBC World Service on a radio resembling a blue metal box, and cheering like a loony at the crackly faraway Engbish football results.

There is nothing cute, however,

about Dr Hasani's devotion to things English. The cheerful "Lilliburiero" theme tune blaring forth in the context of this forgotten, poor, demoralised society recling from past repression might seem incongruous, but that is very definitely the point. "Lilliburiero" is a lifeline, and so is the video diary. Seen from Dr Hasani's point of view, Albania is a place with nothing in it except the echo of British broadcasting. Every house he visits is stark, empty, window-less; the landscape itself seems stripped bare, like the set of a postholocaust Mad Max movie. Yet at home there is Inspector Morse on the black and white television set. substantiate what Albanians had always suspected but were forbidden outright to know: that there is a



Had Dr Hasani been the subject of a third-person documentary, it could never have had the force of this film. Because however close a reporter gets to his subject, his point of view will inevitably be that of a visitor, who can go home after-wards and watch Inspector Morse in colour. Somehow a line gets drawn underneath the alien lifestyle. The great poignancy of Dr Hasani's video diary is that it holds none of this comfort: the making of the film gives him a noble sense of purpose, but it also underlines his appalling isolation (his own, and his country's) quite brutally. "Misha Gleany!" he exclaims in his room, hugging the radio (making you suddenly appreciate how complacent we are about our broadcasterst. How will he bear it, returning home camera-less, to his salary of E10 a month, after three n

A puzzling aspect of Video Diaries is that since the films are made with cameras loaned by the BBC,

London editing his film?

on BBC videotape, they carry the suggestion that video technology is beyond the reach of the common man. Is this another example of tunnel vision, I wonder? Camcorders have become so commonplace that among certain classes they have replaced spectacles as a barrier to kissing. This does not signify. of course, that everyone has become interested in recording social history all of a sudden, or that they love their families more. What people want is the glamour of being on telly, and if this entails making the telly themselves, then so be it.

Amateur video-makers are so keen for their work to be broadcast that the new series of ITV's You've Been Framed has reportedly been bombarded (and it serves them right) with 50,000 submissions. To the people sorting them out, it must (or Essex, anyway) are making screamingly funny videos of the other half falling into canals with And, just as poets generally do not write poetry for its own sake (they send it to magazines), so very few people clamp camcorders to their eyeballs without the ambition of sharing their talent with a few million unsuspecting strangers.

bviously Video Diaries hardly acknowledges the baser look-at-me instinct involved in videomaking, but it exists anyway: and when the diarists acknowledge the power of television, it generally improves things. Meanwhile, the 15 minutes of fame promised by Andy Warhol may seem old-hat, but people feel cheated if they do not get it. Nobody is content to think the second seems to the s think, "Never mind, I expect Esther Rantzen got mine". Instead, they hunger after star status. How long before they start hammering on doors? I envisage a popular uprising, along the lines of the famous mob shouting "Give us back our 11 astonished looks on their faces. days!" when the calendar went all

peculiar in 1752. This time they will encircle the BBC's Television Centre and demand of Esther Give us back our 15 minutes!"

But how can we blame our decadent society for this cult of celebrity when Dr Hasani is evidently touched by it too, remote though he is in Albania, where a camcorder would cost him ten years' salary? When he says tonight that meeting Gary Lineker is the most wonderful moment of his life, it is both inspiring and sad, reminiscent of the way that terminally ill children make heartwarming headlines by being photographed with Steve Davis.

Years ago, it seemed odd when in Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman (1949), Linda Loman said of her husband Willy that "he never had his name in the paper". "So modern Linda said Willy never had a video on the television, everyone would understand at once that his life had been a total waste of time.

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Court TV: America on Trial (Tonight, Channel 4, 9pm)
Among the real-life court cases covered in this bizarre form of entertainment is New York v Hampton, concerning the con-man who infiltrated New York society by claiming to be the son of Sidney Pointer. His story was so good that John Guare wrote a play about it, Six Degrees of Separation (now at the Comedy theatre). Hampton, who could have written his own play along the lines of Whose Life is This Anyway? then started to harass Guare for a share of the play's proceeds. Someone should write a play about it, but per-haps no one dares. Meanwhile, will Poitier turn up unexpectedly in the countroom amid gasps and faintings, claiming to be the real Martin Guerre, or was that another movie? Confused? You will be.

TV Hell

(Monday, BBC2, 7.30pm) Nothing very hellish about the prospect of five hours of archive stuff, presented by Angus Deayton and Paul Merton, even when the archive stuff promises to give renewed resonance to the term abysmal, with short programmes devoted to such deeply infernal subjects as the Eurovision Song Contest, char show disasters, It's A Knockout, and the history of TVam. I admit I had trouble coming to terms with the concept of TVHell when it was first proposed. To my eternal damnation, no doubt, I dithered over the request form they sent me for the Critics' Choice segment, and failed to send it in. My stumbling-block was in the matter of definitions. Surely the only real sin television can commit is to be forgettable - in which case I'd forgotten it, and wouldn't want to see it again. But, as I suspect we will discover on Monday, the road to TV Hell is paved with that kind of literal-mindedness.

■ Wayne's World (Wednesday, BBC2, 6.50pm)

During Wimbledon this year, you may have noticed a mysterious billboard campaign from Nike in which, against a background of orange, green and purple, were the words "Excellent colours to be worn at Wimbledon. Notif" (or something similar). If you didn't understand this, you were not alone, since Wayne-speak was hardly common parlance at the time. Or, to put that another way, it was common parlance - er, not. Anyway, from Wednesday, Def 11 is screening ten-minute segments of the original American Saturday Night Live sketches, which introduced Wayne's basement cable television show to a waiting world. (not), and inspired the popular cinema entertainment Wayne's World, which is younger people, m'lud. And this should explain everything.

L.T.

Record review: Benny Green, Paul Weller, Kylie Minogue and a full-blooded Turnage with the CBSO

Two-fisted Green testifies

There was a time when almost any disc bearing the Blue Note logo could be guaranteed to contain a distinctive brand of vivacious, high-quality music. Since its relaunch in 1985, standards have been more erratic, the label struggling to fashion a new identity amid the new wave of ultra-technocrats. Benny Green's live session, Testifyin' (Blue Note CDP7-98171) is a much-needed celebration of traditional values.

Not to be confused with his English namesake, Green first attracted attention as the sharpest of the slick young pianists who passed through the backing band of the singer Betty Carter. A spell with Art Blakey's The Jazz Messengers followed before Green formed his own trio. Testifyin' captures the group in majestic form at New York's Village Vanguard at the end of its inaugural tour.

Green's two-fisted approach blends elements of some of the most soulful pianists without becoming ensnared in reverential tributes. Among the main influences is the underrated trio that Ahmad Jamal ran with the bassist Israel Crosby and the drummer Vernell Fournier in the late 1950s. Green's partners. Christian Me-Bride and Carl Allen, re-create the same impression of spaciousness and controlled aggression.

The most refreshing aspect to this album is its emotional direct-ness his version of "Down By The Riverside", framed by an infectious vamp, would surely go down well in any Baptist church

Another of Blue Note's signings, the mercurial Cuban pianist Gonzulo Rubalcaba, has aroused mixed responses thiring his visits to London Images (Bine Note CDP7-99492), a live set taped in Japan, showcases the hyperactive drumming of Jack DeJohnette and the equally frenetic bass playing of John Patitucci. Rubalcaba's solos are spun out at a bewildering pace - some of the atomal digressions and note clusters could be mistaken for Cecil Taylor's handiwork. You have been warned.

Aural candy: Kylie Minogue

Putting on the image style

A Paul Weller piaces clothes sense and political correctness above his music. But running through the former Woking mod's work with, first, The Jam and subsequently The Style Council and The Paul Weller Movement, has been an obvious love of diverse pop styles and an original, incisive

A first solo LP, Paul Weller (Got Discs 828 343-2) indicates a contiming appetite for everything from 1960s rock to 1990s club grooves, and a still-sharp pen. But the tone is more relaxed, less judgmental than of late, and the recent hit single "Uh-Huh-Oh-Yeh!" leads the way into a confident, mellow-minded set which includes his best work since 1985's

"Our Favourite Shop".

By suppressing his tendency towards a hectoring lyrical tone, Weller refocuses attention on his skill as a deft assimilator of recent musical history. But while the lightly jazzy "Round & Round" and "Remember How We Started", or the near-psychedelic "Into Tomorrow", draw their mood from disparate genres, the result is cohesive and unmistakably Welleresque. There is less social commentary

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than before - his concerns here are more personal than public - but his eye for the telling detail is as keen as ever. It's a confident and enjoyable performance, and sartorial students will be pleased to note that it comes complete with a foldout sleeve showing the man in presumably essential post-Mod dress

a frilled, collarless shirt and

immaculate pin-stripe trousers.

Like Weller, former Neighbours star Kylie Minogue knows the importance of a smart appearance. Her changing-room choices veer towards the more minimal, however. She is now such a familiar sight performing near-crotic dance routines on variety shows and Saturday morning television that it's easy to forget she was introduced to us not in a studded bustier and hot pants, but in the garage repair shop chic of her television

character Charlene. Nowadays, every subsequent single release is accompanied by a "new look". Yet the cumulative effect of this hyper-concern with image - she has transformed herself from soap-Kylie to sex-Kylie in four years — has been to render

the parallel music output more or less irrelevant.

Is there any discernible difference between "I Should Be So Lucky", her first Stock Aitken & Waterman-engineered success, and "What Kind of Fool", her latest? Very little, although her perpetually evolving appearance has ensured that we are invited to read far more sexual significance into her recent work than the cheerfully gauche

songs of yesteryear.
As Greatest Hits (PWL HS25) proves conclusively, the aural candy of 1988 sounds sadly like the aural candy of 1992: the same tinny vocals, semi-familiar tunes, even

the same cliched sentiments. The most adept of these pastiches nudge themselves towards perfection within the limitations of disposable, radio-friendly white pop -"Better the Devil You Know" for example, or "Shocked". But packaged together like this, they sound

depressingly inessential.

Kylie Minogue is an artist for whom image is all, and without the dressing-up box needed to distinguish one song from another, she is left appearing strangely, unflatter-

Alan Jackson

The EMI British Music series, on which enterprising label was recently issued the "Glyndebourne Serenades". written by British composers to honour Mozart's bicentenary, has now followed Collins Classics' recent innovation of marketing CD singles of new music.

This seems a good way to publish a recording of any reasonably substantial work. One problem with records is that it is tempting to go from the beginning through to the end even when there are several works, perhaps diverse and demanding, to be tackled. When only one work is on the disc, the listener is arguably more likely to give it full attention, even, perhaps, to play the disc twice or more in successi

Mark-Anthony Turnage is the composer selected by EMI for what one hopes will be the first release of many, the work is Three Screaming Popes, first given in 1989 by the same performers as those heard here, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle (EMI TSP 2 04681 2).

Turnage's work might justifiably be called art at third hand, since it envisions Francis Bacon's three

Scrunchy screamer

expressionistic visions of Velazquez's vision of the image of Pope Innocent X. But creating art is a matter of personal response, not of making something from nothing (unless you are John Cage).

Turnage's music has an impressive immediacy that sometimes verges, one feels, on the naive, carefully designed and crafted though it is. He does not think to himself how best he can impress; he writes down his feelings directly. Three Screaming Popes he explains in his note in terms of moods - a "bell-like summoning", a "scrun-chy brass chorale", a "peaceful middle section" and, inevitably, a "bluesy melody for low saxophones and bassoons".

The impression is an overwhelming kaleidoscope of sounds, stammering, lurching, singing and acreaming, distorting just as Bacon's portraits do. This performance is admirably full-blooded. though the CBSO's strings sometimes sound as though they are struggling a little for the notes.

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Decca's equivalent to EMI's series is the revivified Argo label. devoted to American as well as British music and, as in the old days, choral and organ music in general. Among its recent crop of releases is a disc of three works by Constant Lambert (Decca Argo 436 118-2), that delicate but col-ourful and versatile figure, author of Music Ho!, the highly influential comment on the state of the art in the 1930s, and a member of the

Lambert is not exactly a fashionable figure today, though his extravagant, jazzy piano concerto-come-caπtata. The Rio Grande, composed in 1927 to a fairly meaningless but typically clever poem by Sacheverell Sitwell, still gets the occasional airing. This piece, in fact, is the first one on this disc. and the pianist Kathryn Stott. the BBC Singers (slightly thinsounding against Lambert's scor-

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Sitwells' circle.

ing) and, with a brief but telling contribution towards the end, the mezzo soprano Della Jones despatch it with due rhythmic verve and understated brilliance.

The BBC Concert Orchestra plays the score cleanly and efficiently under Barry Wordsworth. The same applies to two less well-known pieces, the Concerto for piano and nine instruments (again with Stott as soloist), which is an altogether darker, deeper piece, composed in 1930, and dedicated to Peter Warlock, and the suite from the otherwise lost Ashton ballet Horoscope (1937), colourful but again thout moment either.

Finally, another Decca release, of Brackner's Seventh Symphony, played by the Cleveland Orchestra, conducted by Christoph von Dohnányi (Decca 430 841-2). It is good to report that Dohnanyi lets this music breathe; there is no sense of the self-glorification I felt with Franz Welser-Möst's performance. recorded live at the 1991 Proms and since then highly praised by many colleagues. We are, thank heavens, a broad church.

STEPHEN PETTITT

scher snapped up. Can

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

FREDERICK FORSYTH

Who would be your least

What three things would

What three things would

you most like to do?

you leave behind!

Some optimist who waits until

we are ten miles offshore and

bobbing nicely before saying he

is just the teensiest bit icky and

can we turn around and go back

The telephone, the fax and the

1. Rise at six, drink the flask of

tea prepared by the night porter.

dress and dump down to the

dock to wait for Ted Cooke to

bring the Anglo Dawn alongside

as agreed at 7am. 2. Watch the

harbour and then the coastline

fade away into the morning

mist. Hit into a big shoal of

mackerel and take a dozen

beauties on light spinning tackle.

while Ted brings up another 100

on strings of feathers - enough

bait for the day. 3. Get strikes

from ling, pollock, whiting, con-

ger, coalfish, wrasse and have

one of them taken on the reel-in

by a big hunting make prepared

My sons, Stuart and Shane, at

to play for an hour.

a postcard?

Haileybury.

bring home?

To whom would you send

What souvenir would you

What would you like to find

on the answering machine.

That not a single letter had

arrived and not a single message

The pick of the catch.

when you got home?

welcome guest?

Where would you go? Salcombe, south Devon, which

is probably the prettiest small port in England. It also happens to be the most southerly harbour in England and, therefore, close to the Channel fishing and sharking grounds,

How would you get there? By car, probably the Panther J72, with the top down if the weather was bright and sunny.

Where would you stay?
At The Marine Hotel, in a room with a balcony overlooking the harbour.

Who would be your perfect companion? Sandy, my girlfriend. She would

spend the day contentedly by the pool or in the solarium while I was out fishing. What essential piece of clothing

or kit would you take? My three boat rods, from the shark-stick to the light caster; plus wellies, thick socks, jeans, plaid shirt and storm jacket. Which medicines?

Two bottles of decent claret, probably St Emilion, to accompany lunches at sea. What would you have to eat?

At sea, cold roast chicken, hardboiled eggs, bread, tomatoes, radishes, biscuits and bananas. What would you have to drink? The medicine. Which books would you take?

None. Returning at dusk after en hours at sea, the evening calls for a pot of tea on the balcony as the sun goes down — then out to a restaurant for fresh lobster. What music would you fisten to? The cry of gulls and terns, the

thump of the engine, the whistle of the wind, the churning of the sea and, hopefully, the creak of a good rod when a heavy fish comes on the hook. What would you watch on

television? Nothing. The point is to try to get away from the blasted thing. What film would you watch? None The tossing Channel is more scenic than anything on

celluloid. Would you play any games or sport? Only the fishing.

What piece of art would you like to have there? None. A Tintoretto looks silly in the wheelhouse of a Tusker 33.

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Interview by Romanna Greenstrea Frederick Forsyth's latest book. The Deceiver, will be published next week by Corgi, price £4.99.

Legless ram chalks up blurred romantic engagement

forecasting a gloomy new year, but I fear that the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" will hang nervously on my lips in 1993. We are like the toy industry here: thinking of Christmas while the summer sun scorches, planning things for Easter while Guy Fawkes smoulders on

In hot July we sowed kale and turnips for the sheep in chilly February, while they eat it we shall be sowing wheat to harvest in the summer, 12 months hence. We hardly ever seem to live in the present and, because the farmer's eye is always cast beyond the horizon, the days and weeks flash by, it becomes difficult to believe that the farming year is 12 whole months; it feels about nine.

And so it was on a hot and humid day last week that, thinking of winter lambs, I went to the field where the ram has been living a FARMER'S DIARY; PAUL HEINEY

months and penned him in the corner. There I bestowed upon him his chain of office, in the shape of a harness that carries a crayon, brilliant red as a mayoral ruby, strapped between his front legs. It is

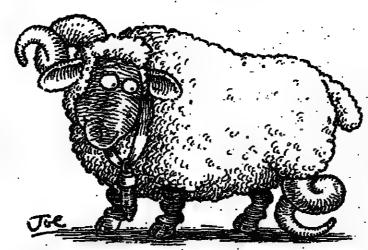
noticeable that as soon as his eyes fall upon this apparatus — the raddle - he stands very still for it to be adjusted, like a king being crowned. He knows what is coming next. His summer of discontent is about to be made glorious autumn in the company of 40 ewes. We worked it all out carefully so

that the first lambs will be born on New Year's day. This is deliberate. I can usually survive the first six days of Christmas family jollity, but

have a flock of pregnant ewes to keep me out of doors for several hours a day. In fact, I can recommend livestock to anyone who is looking for a solid excuse to avoid relatives. I have often left strained family gatherings mutter-ing, "I'm afraid the old cow has a

touch of the scours: I'd better have a look at her back end." Then, heroically and self-sacrificingly, I trudge across the farmyard and have a welcome five minutes peace under the haystack. Hence the new year lambs.

But my little plan may have faltered, and that is why new year may be a strained occasion. I went to see the flock the day after the ram had joined the ewes, in order to after that I find it very handy to count the red crayon marks left by



the ram on the ewes' rumps. There were several but not the neat husinesslike ticks he left last year. This time they had a distinct blur. The reason was clear as soon as I glanced at the old boy — he was

limping like a codger with gout. This was serious. It was one of his back legs which, if you think about it. are more vital than his front ones when it comes to performing his duty. We treated him, and sent him now have all the support he so desperately needs and that the crayon marks would not slither forfornly sideways any more.

Having sorted January, I decided to take the opportunity of ducking out of the pre-Christmas rush too, by getting Alice, the Large Black sow. in-pig again. Sows gestate for precisely three months. three weeks and three days, so if she is served now she will require my undivided attention slap-bang in the middle of the Christmas shopping season.

I urgently rang round the local breeders to see who might have a Large Black boar. None being available, I decided to conduct an experiment I had been planning for some time: I am going to allow Alice a mixed marriage with a Large White boar. Logic dictates that such a match would provide grey pigs but, in fact, they turn out

spotty, like Dalmatians. They also make, apparently, excellent bacon. Now, it so happens that friends have a Large White boar, called Cyril, I asked if Cyril was free. Not only was he free, he was willing. So Cyril arrived by trailer to join the ram in the potent chorus now resounding around the farm. I asked. casually, how they came by him and was told he had been given to them by a farmer who wanted rid of him: "He had trouble with his back leg. They were going to put him down but it seemed a shame." I froze. Two lame lovers is too much for one farmer. I am already very gloomy about Christmas.

However, the secret of good farming is to plan ahead. I hear from my wife that some rather distant long-lost cousins are thinking of coming to stay, perhaps next July. I have been to the calendar and counted the days. If I can just get the bull here by next week . . .

Gardens to visit

☐ Oxfordshire village gur-dens: The Old Rectory, at Salford, comprises one acre of roses, herbaceous borders and foliage plants, shrubs. Willow Tree Cottage has small, walled twin gardens with clematis, shrubs and herbaceous plants, heathers and alpine plants.

Salford, 12-2m W of Chipping Norton (off the A44 Oxford-Worcester road). Tomorrow 2-6pm. E1, child free. ☐ Yorkshire. The White House, at Hustinwaite, has a one-acre garden, open for the first time, with conservatory,

shrubs and herbaceous plants, herb gardens and unusual plants. Husthwaite, 3m N of Easingwold; garden in

village centre, opposite church. Tomorrow 1 1am-5pm. £1, child 10p.

Gardens, the display and trial grounds for the National Centre for Organic Gardening, has herbaceous plants, herbs, fruit, vegetable and rose beds and borders: Wryton, 5m SE Coventry

on the B4029 (off the A45 to Woiston). Plant sales. cafe with organic food. Open dally, 10am-6pm (10am-4pm, Oct-Mar), £3, child free.

Plum job with a tasty future

Francesca Greenoak visits the research nursery where

350 varieties of plums are evaluated and developed

young son came dashing in from the garden with a ripe nlum, the first of the year. It was a Victoria, not a variety greatly prized for flavour, but eaten direct from the tree and still warm from the sun it

tasted marvellous. Given taste like this you can understand why the word plum was used to signify the good things in life. If you were to go only by the mean offerings in some supermarkets and greengrocers, getting the plum job would mean something sour and unsatisfactory. Gardeners know better: we have access to the most delicious fruits, properly ripened on the tree so that the sugars

and flavours can develop. Plum trees will grow in a wide spectrum of soils but, because they flower in early spring, they should be planted

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where they are least likely to get frosted. Many, Victoria and Oullins Golden Gage, for example, are self-fertile, so may be planted singly in a smaller garden.

This year, after a frost-free spring, my two Victories are heavy with fruit, local farmers with orchards are picking apace, and in the hedgerows the Aylesbury Prune, our regional bitter-sweet damson, is cropping hugely.
David Penneli, the director

of the Brogdale Horticultural Trust, near Feversham, Kent. says this is an exceptional plum year. The trust's fruit trial ground grows 350 varieties, and the orchards are open to the public. Visitors can taste varieties unavailable any-where else, and buy freshly

Where else could you get the red dessert plum Mallard, raised by Rivers, the renowned Essex nursery, in the late 19th century, or the culinary dam-sons Curlew and Damson Early Rivers?

In addition to plums from all the famous British nurserles, such as Laxton and Aligroves, Brogdale has representatives from the best French, Belgian, German and American growers, and others even further afield. One can compare the English greengage (grown in Britain since the early 17th century) with the similar but larger French Being Claude varieties. Reine Claude varieties.

New varieties as well as old are grown and evaluated at Brogdale, which has a scientific status. This year, for the first time, some new dessert plums bred at the Long Ashton research station, Bristol, will



Taste test: Gillian Ivison, a technical assistant at the Brogdale Horticultural Trust's trial gardens, checks progress

variety, known as Reeve's Seedling, in their breeding and according to Mr Pennell are very promising.

Brogdale has changed over

20 years from an inward-looking government establishment, closed to the public, to

NOW is the time to buy a

woven fleece to protect au-

tumn and winter salad vegeta-

bles. Laid lightly over a bed, it

the wind, hail and heavy

rains, and gives a degree of

frost protection. New on the

market is Agralan's long-life fleece, with reinforced edges, at £9.45 for 2.6m x 7m pack

(tri-pegs for fixing down the fleece edges cost £2.99 for eight). The fleece, which is

light enough to allow water

and liquid fertiliser to pass through, and may be washed

for re-use, is available from

garden centres (or phone

0285 860015 for stockists).

which is introducing more and more people to the joys of fruit growing. Many varieties which are unsuitable for commercial use are perfect for domestic gardens, and Brogdale not only sells its surplus fruit but nursery stock of

 Brogdale Gardens, just outside
Faversham, Kent, will be open tarestam, kent, witt be open daily over the bank holiday week end, 1 lam-5pm. Each day there will be guided walks through the collections (which include apples, pears and cherries), variety tastings and fruit for sale. Usual opening times: Wed-Sun, 11 am-5pm. £2, child 50p.

Christmas flowering. Prune climbing and marioram and chives to

It's time to pick sweetcorn

Licensed to kill

 Begin picking sweetcorn when the silk starts to wither. Plant hyacinths for

rambling roses after the flowers have faded. Take cuttings from other grey-leaved shrubs. Cut back mints, . .

encourage new growth for late-season use Take cuttings of zonal. ivy-leafed and scented geraniums (pelargonium).

spill, but the cast-iron certainty

of chronic pollution. Big plat-

forms inevitably produce dis-

charges. To set up oil produc-

tion means the inevitable deterioriation of that area.

Some bits of sea are less

important for wildlife than

others but, even after pruning,

the bunch of sites offered for

exploration licences still in-

cludes an alarming number of

important areas. Among these

are areas in the Solway Firth.

Cardigan Bay, the English

Channel, the Bristol Channel,

and the southern basin off the Wash and the Humber.

onservation organisa-

in damage-limitation

exercises. The problem is that

there is no good time for an

industrial operation in a chunk of ocean that is impor-

tant to wildlife for 12 months

of the year. The lobbying must

be for strict conditions, and

One of these conditions

must be the continuous moni-

toring for pollution. There is little point in doing the moni-

toring at predictable intervals:

that is a system asking to be abused. It is also important to

work against an action replay

of the whole thing. And this

remains an ever-present dan-

ger for as long as we have a

bunch of fair-weather conser-

strict enforcement.

tions are now involved

Prune out some of the old wood on honeysuckle. Oakwell Hall Country Park, Birstall, W. Yorks (0924 474926).

British Birdwatching Fair: Hundreds of stands and workshops, bird races. wildlife art exhibitions (including working artists), plus high-quality birdwatching. Whitwell Fishing Lodge, Rutland Water, Oakhan Leics (0780 86770). Fri, 10am-5.30pm. E5, child

Events

☐ Birstiii craft: Countryside

skills, music and entertain-ment, stalls and displays.

☐ Crosteth flower shows Traditional country show including fruit, flowers, children's art and home-baking. Crowteth Country Park, Liverpool, Merseyside (05 | 228 53 1 1). Tomorrow and Mon, I lam.

☐ Edenbridge and Oxted show: Livestock compeditions, produce and flowers. Ardenrun, Tandridge Lane, Lingfield, Surrey (0737 645843). Tomorrow and Mon, 8am-6pm. E6, concs £2. El Eye show: Craft stalls. motor-cycle displays and the JCB Dancing Diggers. Showground, Dragon Hill, Eye, Suffolk (0379 870224). Tomorrow and Mon. 10am-7pm, £4. D Feliostowe carnival: Traditional pastimes and fair, with a parade and fireworks Heben High School, Garrison Lane, Felixstowe. Suffolk (0394 282684):

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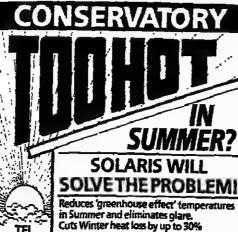
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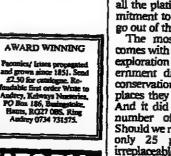
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The government is a bunch of fair-weather go along with the needs of conservation until that point arrives when conservation becomes ever so slightly inconvenient, or a tiny bit against the demands of industry and money. And at that moment, all the platitudes about "commitment to the environment" go out of the window. The most recent example

comes with the granting of oil exploration licences. The government did indeed consult conservation bodies about the places they proposed to offer. And it did withdraw a large number of proposed sites. Should we rejoice because now only 25 per cent of the irreplaceable wildlife habitats will be affected?

The advice of conservationists was taken in some areas, but in other areas - where there were particularly excit-ing possibilities for the oil explorer - the conservation arguments failed to convince.

The best example is probably the inner Moray Firth. where oil exploration licences are on offer, even though exploration and production elsewhere in the firth have caused a number of pollution incidents. More than 250,000 seabirds nest here in spring and summer, mostly razorbills and guillemots. The firth also brings in internationally important numbers of sea ducks.

These are gloriously indomitable birds. They are tiny things, the male with a ridiculously long tail, and seem to revel in horrible weather. The more gruesome the sea the more they seem to like it, bobbing up and down with an air of jaunty defiance. The Moray Firth is their special place in



common and velvet scoter, which are sleek, black sea ducks. There are, too, up to 1,500 red-throated divers. Dolphins love the place as well: the firth holds Britain's largest population of bottlenosed dolphins, along with white-beaked dolphins and common porpoises.

Il year round, the inner

the perfect place for a big industrial development, but that is what will happen if, or when, the licence is taken up, and oil is discovered. It is as if someone were to plonk a massive factory in the

middle of Snowdonia: they

wouldn't get away with that, of

course, but at sea, out of sight of most people, they can.

The real problem is not so much the threat of a big oil



Defiant: long-tailed duck

winter they gather in numbers of up to 15.000 - about 75 per cent of their population in Britain and Ireland. The firth also brings in

A firth is teeming with life. It does not sound

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Southwell flower festival: The whole minster becomes a floral area; displays are based around the theme of 10am-5pm. £2. ☐ Wokingham horse trials: Beazer Homes pre-novice, novice and open novice

Tomorrow and Mon. noon-5.30pm. £2, concs £1.

New sounds mixed up with vision

David Toop finds that rock pioneer Brian Eno has lost none of his enthusiasm

for new ideas and technical innovations

f the prophets of doorn are to be believed, contemporary culture is a sad shadow of past glories, depleted by declining stan-dards, shallow pastiche and a lack of revolutionary spirit.

One of the few rock musicians. artists and cultural commentators who can offer a convincing rebuttal of this pessimism is Brian Eno. Despite his 44 years, an age when most people are beginning to hanker for the old days, his enthusiasm for the present remains unabashed

"It's a great time," he says, sitting in the bay window of his sparselyfurnished northwest London workroom. "I don't think music has been so unsure of itself or so fluid in its identity for 25 years." The embrace of uncertainty as a positive value is typical of Eno and his serpentine career. His new album, Nerve Net, proclaims its weaknesses as strengths. This record is off balance, the potential listener is warned in a list that comes with the packaging. It is overheated, un-American, far too rague, uncentered.

This reaction against the glossy perfectionism of mainstream pop or the self-righteous tunnel vision of rock's specialised genres maintains attitudes that Eno brought to pop music during the early Seventies.

Originally the non-musician art student who provided primitive synthesizer noises for Roxy Music in its earliest incarnation. Eno now finds himself respected as an unlikely prophet of musical and video develcoments. His solo albums still have the power to surprise after more than a decade of hearing excerpts from. them in television documentaries and films. He is also acclaimed for his collaborations with U2, David Bowie, John Cale and Talking Heads and continues to be influential as a pioneer of so-called "ambient music".

Aside from its dubious appropriation by New Agers for therapeutic mood music, ambient has been recognised recently in two very different spheres of activity. In New York at the beginning of August, a large ambient songs from Low. One of the three Berlin-period albums recorded during the late Seventies by David Bowie with Brian Eno, Low was a springboard for the electronic music which followed punk.

Bernused as he is by the prospect of such fugitive atmospherics being thrust into the concert hall by Philip Glass. Eno has been equally sur-prised to find his ideas resurfacing in dance clubs and House music raves. As they became increasingly frenetic, the machine rhythms of House music seemed to demand a counter-balance of quiet introspection, if only to calm the pulse rates of dancers who wanted to sleep at the end of a long night. Mixed with sound effects and drum rhythms, the evanescent drones of Eno albums such as Music For Airports or his soundtrack to the film of the Apollo moon missions, For All

Mankind, were perfect for the task. Eno originally described the purpose of ambient music as a way of tinting the environment. Now our environment is so saturated with sound, the problem lies in selecting from the swamp. As a pioneer of recording studio and synthesizer experiments, he has often criticised technology for its emphasis on inusability. Musically, however, Eno is inspired by trends which have resulted from technological advances.

ast year he was poised to release an album called My Squelchy Life. At the last rooment, the release plans were scrapped. Taking the two oddest but most promising tracks from My Squelchy Life, Eno began again.

Records are scrapped and re-started frequently, usually because artists fall to connect with their muse, yet few are abandoned with Eno's honest appreciation that what he had produced could be pushed into far more challenging areas.

Nerve Net sounds like the work of a revitalised man, a diagnosis which Eno cheerfully admits. "One reason was purely technical," he explains. The CD format is a way of fitting Philip Glass performed three of the allows listeners the choice of programming their preferences, deleting



Brian Eno: now finds himself respected as an unlikely prophet of musical and video developments

the tracks they dislike and reordering the sequence of the ones

"When it was vinyl," he says, "you assumed that people were going to listen all the way through. You tend to think you've got to make a coherent listening experience. It made recordmaking less and less fun for me, because it meant that one tended to censor the things that were nuttier and less well-formed in favour of the things that were more acceptable."

"I suddenly discovered myself to be a ations and eroding the concept of a

post-modernist," he jokes. "in the finished, perfect art work. Such sense that I was noticing myself more and more interested by the whole remixing scene." One example of this new interest was Eno's re-mix of EMF's "Unbelievable" for an Aids benefit project, while his first single from the new album, "Fractal Zoom", is available in at least seven

Remixing, by which original tapes are reworked and reissued in forms that can sometimes be totally unconrevitalisation with some amusement. distancing musicians from their crecontroversial notions lie at the heart of so much of the anxiety which surrounds current cultural debate.

But far from being worried by the possible consequences of artists becoming catalysts rather than authors. possibly losing ownership of their work in the process, Eno is as enthusiastic as ever. "I think," he says, smiling with the wicked glee of a man who is already anticipating ways of avoiding this fate, "that's a terribly

• Nerve Net is released by Warner Brothers on Monday

Belated return of the native

o longer is **Donald**Runnicles without
honour in his own country. The Edinburgh-born conductor, who has found glory in Freiburg. Bayreuth, the Met, and now as musical director of San Francisco Opera, finally arrived in his home town with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra a year after his belated Glyndebourne debut.

The Usher Hall was far from full to hear him, and it was not an exceptional festival debut. But this was an unexceptional programme in which to show his mettle. The token Tchaikovsky (more, much more, still to come), was the Suite No 4, "Mozartiana", which showed that Tchaikovsky, too, was aware of centenaries.

The piece he composed, somewhat evangelically, for the centenary of Don Giovanni, was conducted and played with a relaxed, almost languid, swagger. It took Verklärte Nacht for Runnicles to show a little more of the stuff of which he is made. With his expressive right hand (the baton is in his left) drawing bright, clear lines from the violins, and light, swift vibrato from the centrally placed celli, this was a sinewy performance, revealing every strand of text and sub-text in Schoenberg's recreation of Dehmel's

Runnicies and his band were little more than obedient accompanists to Isabelle Vernet's singing of Berlioz's Nuits d'Eté. Vernet, a finalist in the Cardiff "Singer of the World" competition, has a marvellously enthusiastic stage presence, and the un-ashamedly gleeful opening was promising. As a whole, though, this performance was more likeable in its intentions than in its realisation.

The bright, flaring top of Vernet's soprano gives it its distinctive character: the same energy and communication, though, does not colour the voice all the way through. It is almost as if there were two voices. The mezzo register, in which she barely breathed out "Le Spectre de la Rose" is not yet as focussed or as secure. And where one takes over from the other - exactly, as it happens, on the tricky "bienaimée" of "Absence" - there can be a temporary loss of little tempering of her own, generous instinct with the

CONCERTS



classical sculpting of that mos notable exponent of this cycle, her own teacher, Régine

Wednesday's late-night recital at the Usher Hall was a real festival occasion. The young pianist, Benjamin Frith (as with Runnicles, we hear too little of him in Britain) gave a truly memorable performance of Beetho-



Donald Runnicles: at the beim in San Francisco

ven's Diabelli Variations. Frith's playing is young, green, full of wonder, but not over-full of reverence, which

helps a lot in this piece. Technically, his pianism is mature, make no mistake. But the eagerness with which he tunes his imagination to the very soul of each variation, and the joy with which he characterises it is, delightfully, still that of youth. Whether trilling haughtily, or finding an inner resonance embedded within sober counterpoint. Frith takes the listener to the heart of Beethoven. I have not heard so much, so beautifully,

HILARY FINCH

Fashionably feudal family

THEATRE

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

tion of The Voysey Inheritance advances like a river in flood, reshaping the profile of its hitherto safe banks (that is the professional middle-classes). Granville Barker's other bestknown play, The Madras House (Royal Lyceum), resembles a sequence of great lakes, through which the action proceeds, past superficially similar shores. Young Phil Madras is the affable, slightly priggish, emotionally restricted hero through whose eyes we see the changing landscapes of that Edwardian terra incognita, the Woman's Question.

At the start Roger Allam's Phil is determined to sell the family business, a distinguished fashions, guished fashion house founded by his father, in order to stand for election to the London County Council At the end of the fourth act he holds to his decision and has perhaps become marginally more broad-minded. The main plot is nothing more, but within each act he is involved in smaller, independent plots



Roger Allam: affable, priggish, emotionally restricted

that present women in different states of subservience to

Peter James's enjoyable production (due at the Lyric, Hammersmith, next Wednesday) illumines the purpose of the play through inspired scene-changing. Mannequins

THE SUNDAY TIMES

The man on the mobile phone

•He's the sort of person who, if you phoned him

and burst into tears, would be round in two

seconds. He's incredibly charming - not in a

smarmy way, and not in that frightfully British,

tedious way, but just the sort of person who, if

you sit next to him at dinner, really draws you

out. He's very attractive - though not a

ladykiller. Once you're going out with him,

An insider's profile of the man who is probably:

In The Sunday Times tomorrow.

closer to Princess Diana than her husband.

that's it. He's a sort of one-woman man.

in petticoats step down from shop windows and perform circus tricks at the start of the play, tossing handkerchiefs, balancing plates and, in the centre of the line, emphatically lacing one of their number into a corses. The girls reap pear as Phil's six ummarried cousins, kept idle in the parental home at Denmark Hill; then as the underpaid workers in the family business, living on the premises under the stern eye of a housekeeper and

afraid to admit to marriage lest they lose their jobs. In the Bond Street act they are mannequins once more, decked in the gaudy finery of the latest Madras collection, too tightly laced to sit down. And at the end of each act they step together onto the stage. disconcerting Phil with their

silent presence, and shift the

furniture_ This brilliant idea does far more than economise on casting. It places in the forefront, albeit with a comic gloss, the hypocrisies of the men's regard for the creatures whose lives they control. The portly American financier (Bill Bailey) who is buying the business rhapsodises over feminine

on the future growth of the Women's Movement. Phil's father Constantine, played with grimly elegant disdain by John Hallam, takes male selfinterest to its extreme by exiling himself to Arabia and changing his faith — "A Muhammadan? Atyour age?" From Denmark Hill the

unmarried Huxtable girls gaze at the fairytale Crystal Palace, the Madras House is described as an Oriental seraglio, and given chairs and a abledoth to match: Constantine cuts through the hypocrisy and becomes a pasha in all but

The first two acts contain the major dramatic interest. Rela-tionships are uncovered and vibrate with potential. The inert future of the Huxtable ménage is caught in the moment when 11 characters stand paralysed by silence. As a contrast to this prospect the pregnant seamstress Miss Yates (Suzanna Hamilton) shows a plucky independence that must have shocked Barker's audience in 1908.

In the over-long philosophising of the second half the play's interest diminishes but excellent acting all down the line captures the sound and deportment of that semi-

The second Barker production this week, His Majesty (St Bride's Centre) is its world premiere. Written in 1928, when the author's powers as a writer had waned, the play was twice nearly put on at the time but never made it. Sam Walters's staging (coming to the Orange Tree at Richmond next Thursday) reveals its many faults while allowing us to see that, occasionally. Barker retained his ability to animate a theme.

The exiled King of Carpathin decides to re-enter his stricken country to bring its warring sides together. His firebrand aide and out-oftouch queen find themselves outwitted by opportunist politicians and the king decides to return to his poultry farm. Some exchanges glimmer with life but there is a conference table in every scene, around which characters wordily confer. Theatrical surprise is low on the agenda.

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Holiday tops and tails

Frances Bissell, the Times cook, with entertaining ideas for the long weekend



some ideas for topping and tailing a meal. Like the meat pable of being dou-

table, or they can be served as part of a more formal meal. They are not difficult or expensive recipes, and do not keep you too long in the kitchen, which makes them ideal

for bank holiday entertaining, if you have a house full of people. I have cooked the bean dish several times during the summer as an alternative to hummous. Like the chickpea puree, it is very good with crudités or eaten with toast or warm pitta bread. If you are cooking old beans with tough skins, you can rub these off after the beans have cooked. Drain and rinse the beans, and put in a bowl of cold water. Rubbing them between your fingers will cause the beans to pop out of their skins, which will float to the top of the

water, so you can scoop them out.
The potato salad is excellent, an idea from my friend John Cavaciutti. The dried tomatoes were my idea, but the salad is just as good without them.

The first time I made the coconut ice-cream. I was rather taken aback. It tasted so, well, commercial. The texture was extremely smooth and the flavour good. I had even made it with semi-skimmed milk, which was all I had in the refrigerator. Then it occurred to me that coconut, in one of its many guises, must play a large part in some of the "non-dairy" ice-creams that are produced. It is as well to be aware that it is a saturated fat, like dairy fat, but that said, it is a very good "ice", perhaps not an ice-cream, and at least you know exactly what goes into it. As well as the accompanying macaroons. I also like to serve it with jaggery, a treacle-like substance made from palm sugar. You can find it in Indian food shops, a hard chunk often wrapped in a sacking covering. I put it in a saucepan over a

AFTER last week's low heat, with slightly more than cool meat main an equal volume of water, let it melt, skim any impurities off the surface and then, when it is cool. I pour it into a clean, dry plastic juice bottle, and keep it in the refrigerator. It is wonderful poured over

3 or 4 cloves fresh garlic, or more if you like extra virgin olive oil freshly ground black pepper

Soak the beans overnight with a sprig of herbs. Change the water, and then cook until tender. Peel and roughly chop the garlic, and put in a blender or food processor with the beans, a couple of table spoons of their cooking liquid, the fresh sprig of herbs, stripped from the stem, and about 'spt/70mi olive oil. Blend until smooth. Add a little of the lemon juice, salt and pepper, blend again, and adjust the seasoning. Spoon into a serving

Potato salad with Parms been em

dried tomatoes
(serves 4)
l 's ib/680g small, firm waxy positions, such as Belle de Fontenzy. La Ratte or Pink Fir Apple
4 pieces dried tomato
30z/85g Parma ham pieces
302/85g soured cream
freshly ground pepper
fresh kovage, shredded (optional)

chives, shallors or spring onion (optional) Scrub and boil the potatoes. While they are cooking, cut the tomato and ham into thin shreds. Drain the potatoes, and mix in the cream, pepper and herbs, and then add the ham and tomatoes. Make sure the salad is well mixed before serving it. If making this for larger numbers, among whom are



egetarians, mix one large batch of potatoes with all the ingredients, except the Parma ham. Serve half the potatoes in one bowl, garnished with shreds of ham. Add stoned, chopped olives and toasted sun-

Gazpaciso
(serves 6-8)
2 htb/1.10kg ripe sweet tomatoes
l large cocumber
l or 2 green peppers
a pt/280ml extra virgin olive oil
1002/280g fresh white breadcrumbs
salt, pepper
sherry vinegar

You can keep the soup rough and rustic, or make a smoother version by peeling the vegetables. I find it lightly more digestible if I peel the peppers after roasting or grilling them. And having gone to that trouble, I usually also peel and seed the tomatoes, and then strip off most of the cucumber skin with

2 or 3 slices of day-old bread, garnish

scooped out, if you haive the

cucumber lengthways.

Roughly chop the vegetables, separately, and keep back a little to chop finely and serve as a garnish removed, and diced. Put the vegetables in a blender goblet or food processor, and blend until smooth. With the motor running, add the wim the monor running, and the olive oil and breadcrumbs alternately. This can all be done in batches if necessary. Pour into a large bowl. Season to taste with salt, pepper and sherry vinegar, and add ice cubes to chill it thoroughly. If you prefer a thinner can she be added.

soup, iced water can also be added. I have it on the best authority, Maria-José Sevilla, writer and presenter of Spain on a Plate (and author of the accompanying book of the same title), that there are as many versions of gazpacho as there are cooks who make it. There is one made of beans: a pale one, gazpacho blanco, made from ground almonds, and one in which

chilled melons are Spanish, sum-

mery and full of liquid.

A French chef, based in Madrid, made the melon version for me once, and I rather liked it. I use the same method as outlined, replac-Honeydew melon, keep the cucumber, leave out the pepper, and use half breadcrumbs and half ground almonds. The olive oil is, of course, essential. For garnish, I serve diced melon, toasted flaked almonds and a little diced apple mixed with lemon juice.

Easy fruit shortbre

This is not so much a recipe, more a suggestion open to many permuta-tions. I first made it with shortbread biscuits that I had made myself, and then one day, driving through Aberiour in Speyside, we came across the Joseph Walker village shop and bought the new farmhouse shortbread. It is perfect for this recipe, firm enough not to go soggy but tender and crumbly. Spread the shortbread pieces with a generous layer of thick yoghurt... creme fraiche or whipped cream, flavoured with eau de vie or liqueur, if you like. Top this with sliced plums or strawberries, whole blackberries, raspberries or bluebernies or apple slices fried in butter. Dust with icing sugar or cinnamon, if appropriate. Whiskyflavoured whipped cream into which you have folded clear honey can be topped with toasted oatmeal

and almonds, as another variation. (makes about !pt/570ml) Note: this racipe uses uncooked eggs 7(1 oz/200m) milk 20x/60g dessicated excount

4 lb/1 10g sugar 2 free-range egg yolks, lightly besten 14ff oz/400ml coconut cream

Bring the milk and coconint to the boil, and stir in the sugar. Pour the mixture over the eggs in a bowl and thoroughly blend. Allow to cool then freeze the mixture. If using the freezer rather than an ice-cream

ture from time to time, sides to middle, to ensure smooth, even freezing. Just before final freezing, it is a good idea to blend it in a food processor for half a minute or so, as this lightens the mixture. Ripen off in the refrigerator for half an hour or so unless you are serving the icecream as soon as it is made

This next recipe makes a good

(makes 2 dozen) '2 egg whites 3tpeb caster andar

Mix all the ingredients together, which will produce a fairly firm paste, which can be shaped with two teaspoons into quenelles and placed on a baking tray lined with baking parchment. Bake in the middle of a pre-beated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for 15 minutes, and then for a further 15

minutes at 150C/300F, gas mark

2. Cool on a wire rack.

At last, a quality to call our own

English vignerons are beating the weather to produce fine wines, says

Jane MacQuitty

nce a poor gustatory joke, now fit for the Queen and the president of France, English wine has arrived. No doubt wine connoisseur Sir Ewen Fergusson, the British Ambassador in Paris, knew just how heipful serving a 1989 Chiddingstone from Kent, at an embassy banquet this summer, would be to the burgeoning English wine industry. But behind the headlines, and endless rounds of European diplo-

macy over the past decade, the vignerons of England, Wales and Ireland have been quietly improving their wine skills. Gone are the monstrous, malodorous English wines of old, reeking of common winemaking faults such as hydrogen sulphide and an excess of sulphur. In their place are elegant, light floral white wines whose refreshingly high acidity and low alcohol make them an ideal first course and fish wine, as Sir Ewen demonstrated to the French.

With more than 1.000 of England's acres under vine, together with over 400 vineyards, English wine production, the French winemakers will be irritated to learn, is about to become part of the European wine hierarchy. As yet there is only a pilot quality English wine scheme in place, introduced last suramer. But if the bureaucrats have their way and our acreage reaches 500 hectares and production rises to 25,000 hectolitres, then an official English quality wine scheme, our answer to the French appellation contrôlée system, could be established. Deemed still to be experimental, English wine now only fits into a lowly via de

Not all of England's vignerons are happy with their new European wine status; to date Europe's wine laws forbid the use of hybrids, hardy weather-resistant vine cross breeds such as sey val blanc, upon which the English wine industry relies. There is also the problem of the minimum natural 6 per cent wine alcohol level, which some varieties do not reach in cold years such as '91.

Clearly these two issues will have to be resolved before Britain can join the big European wine league.



Pride of England: not yet in the big league, but wineries such as Chiltern Valley are making their mark

It would be helpful, too, if the Brussels bureaucrats removed the confusion that exists in consumers' minds between English and British wines, with their misleading, old-fashioned names. English wine is made from freshly pressed grapes grown on English soil; the only connection British wire has with England's green and pleasant land is that it is fermented here from a base of foreign, concentrated grape juice, usually imported from Ger-

many or Italy.

In the meantime, helped by Royal approval and a series of sunny vintages. English wine moves onwards and upwards. 1991 was disappointing for most English wine producers and 1992, so far, looks like going the same way. But unusually warm years have produced wines such as the positive, full-flavoured '89s and the positive, full-flavoured '89s and the classically delicious '90s, which are on sale now (see box above). New technology and bigger vineyards. including the 65-acre Wellow property in Hampshire and the 250acre Denbies Estate in Surrey, have

also aided the English wine cause. Once embarrassingly bad winemakers, England's producers are now experimenting with oak ageing, methode champenoise sparkling wines and red wine production. Surprisingly good wines have been made as a result,

Cold, frost and rain do not stop courageous, some would say foolhardy, Brits from planting in waterlogged vineyards

with the most impressive to date perhaps being the Beenleigh Man-or in Devon's 1990 Cabernet-Meriot blead. The use of new grape crosses and better vineyard management, including protecting the grapes from predators such as birds and badgers and leaving grapes to ripen fully, have also raised English wine quality.

Despite these encouraging wine trends, faulty English wines with basic errors such as dirty winemaking taints, or an overdose of sulphur, continue to be made. Thankfully, these problems are now in the minority. But a criticism that can still be applied to the

majority is often a lack of fruit and flavour. In part this skinny style is due to our climate: the worse examples are those extra dry, extra thin English wines that suffer from the same problems as Germany's characteriess, bone-dry trocken wines. However, England's wine producers of both the dry and more common medium-dry style need to concentrate more on ringing every ounce of fruit flavour and individuality from their grapes. Another contributing factor to the somewhat uniform, lean, flowery English wine style could be the fact that many of the smaller producers send their grapes away to be vinified at the nearest large winery.
English wine's biggest problem,

apart from its high price tag, is our poor climate. Although most English wine producers are reluctant to admit it. Britain is on the most northerly latitude for grape growing. This means that despite amelibrating influences such as the Gulf Stream and even the greenhouse factor, English wine in many vintages, including this year and last, will be severely hampered by cold, frost and rain.

However, this does not stop courageous, some would say fool-hardy. Brits from planting vines as far north as Cheshire (for example, the new nine acre Carden Park

Best buys

• 1990 Valley Vineyards Pund Harcourt Fine Wine, 3 Harcourt Street, London W1, £9.15; Wine Rack and Bottoms Up, £7.95
Splendid aromatic oaky bouquet and stylish, grapey palette puts this ahead of the English wine pack. ◆ 1990 Tenterden Choque Port

Davisons, £4.49, which also stocks Dansons, 24.39, which also stocks the '86 vintage for the same price. Asda has the '89 for £3.99; Safeway, £4.19; Vic Wine, £4.79 A good, reasonably priced, spicy, flowery introduction to the delights of English wine. Lamberhurst Sovereign,
Medium Dry
Sainsbury, 13:75; Davisons, 14:49

Almost as pleasant as the wine above, though slightly sweeter and made from a variety of grapes, this is a very easy-drinking white.

• 1990 Deables Surrey Gold
Safeway, E5.25; The Victoria Wine
Comments 55.40

Company, E5.49
Denbies grapey penchy flavours are elevated by a touch of riesling.

1989 Bend Valley Barries.
Oddbins, E6.99 This excellent organic English white displays the exotic fruit and spice of the bacchus grape.

logged, frost-pocket vineyards. Still our new-found winemaking and managing abilities should enable some of England's winemakers to

overcome the worst of our weather. England's best wines are mostly of medium-dry. Germanic style that have had their harsh corners rubbed off with some sweetness. usually in the shape of suss reserve or unfermented grape julce. Purists need not worry: these wines mostly taste fruity rather than overly sweet. A newer, drier English wine style, more akin, say, to the dry, northern, oak-aged whites of France, is also emerging, with Valley Vine-yards Furné and Tenterden's Special Reserve the most successful

example of this style. A good place to taste and buy English wines is the English Wine Festival, held next weekend from llam to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday, at the English Wine Centre, Alfriston Roundabout, Alfriston, East Sussex (0323 870164). The entrance fee each day is £7.25 a head, which includes eight tasting wouthers and a wine glass. More than 40 English wine producers will take part, offering more than 100 wines to taste.

English wine devotees should also visit Harcourt Fine Wine, 3 Harcourt Street, London WI, which has almost 70 different English and Weish wines on sale.

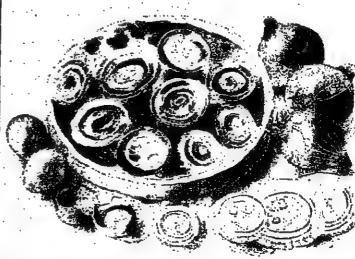
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FRENCH CLASSICS

TARTE AUX OIGNONS A L'ALSACIENNE

OR ZEWELWAI



reader has asked me not to complete my series on classical French dishes without including onion tart. I have no intention of doing so, because I agree that this dish is not the same as quiche Lorraine. The two are from neighbouring regions, but in the quicke it is the quality of the custard and the pastry that are important, while in the onion tart, only sufficient egg and cream is added to bind the onion together.

The Alsace dish takes more time and patience than the quiche. The onions must be cooked very slowly to achieve a translucent melting texture, and a sweet flavour without the caramelisation that comes from too high heat. Look for mild, sweet onions. Freshly dug bulbs can be used; indeed, in Alsace they make a version with spring onions, adding

some of the green tops. The best tarte aux oignons - or zewelwai to use its Alsace name - I have tasted was in the Caveau d'Eguisheim, a restaurant started more than 30 years ago by Léon Beyer, the father of one of the present-day winemakers as a showpiece for Alsace food and wine. We drank a crisp 1985 riesling with the tart.

For pastry case: 5 lb/230g flour hib/110g unsalted butter, cut into small cubes itsp salt

Rub the flour and butter together until it resembles breadcrumbs or pellets. Sprinkle on the salt, and stir in enough water to bind the pastry together. Wrap and refrigerate while you make the onion filling.

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For the filling: 30z/85g butter 1 lb/680g peeled and thinly sliced enions

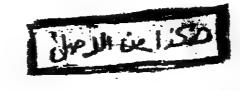
I thep flour '2 pt/280ml single cream or full-cream milk

sair, pepper freshly grated nutmeg 3 size-3 free-range eggs

Meh the butter in a heavy frying pan and gently fry the onions until beginning to get soft, translucent and just starting to turn colour. Remove from the heat, sprinkle on the flour, and gradually stir in the cream. Bring to the boil, stirring continuously, and cook for five minutes. Season with salt and pepper, and grind in a little fresh nutmeg. Beat in the eggs, one at a

time, away from the heat. Line a 10in/25cm quiche or pie dish with pastry; pour in the filling. Place the dish on a baking sheet in a pre-heated oven, 200C/400F, gas mark 6 for about 35 minutes, until the top is golden brown. Can be served at any temperature; I prefer it warm.

This is the last in our series of French classic recipes.



Crafty new change of plot

Over the counter: How do farmers with set-aside land spend their time?

Helen Speed finds an answer

he typical farm shop used to be an eggs-and-potatoes affair the enticement of Cheddar cheese. Now, on the A41 in Buckinghamshire, between Aylesbury and Bicester, farmer William Hunter has found ways of keeping a set aside farm alive with home-baked cakes, silk scarves and furniture, and for townies a glimpse

of the rural life.
A small herd of Highland cattle, red and the rarer black variety, provides its own photo-opportunity as you drive into the yard. Mr Humer brought them down from his native Scotland

His is the farm where, they say the Aylesbury duck origi-nated, but the pond, "2ft of water, 12ft of solid mud", was filled in to become a tennis court after a small Hunter nephew almost fell in. The only large birds to be seen around the farm now are wooden geese, hand-crafted as garden decorations and awaiting buyers.

Fleet Marston fermhouse, said to be 340 years old, has 200-year-old outbuildings which are being restored one by one as the customers' needs expand. The business started seven years ago with eggs and potatoes sold at the back door, then Anne Hunter added cakes, pies and other home-bakes that were so popular that they had to persuade neighbouring farmers' wives to get out their baking bowls and lend a hand.

Now, 17 people are involved in producing the appetising spread of meringues, jams. ice-cream, quiches, churneys and pickled onions, each doing what they do best.

At weekends, a judge stocks up with the farm shop's pies to microwave during the week at his home in London.

Mr Hunter says that most customers return, and to keep them coming the merchandise has to evolve.

From lambswool sweaters to teddy bears, the gifts on offer are high-quality items, as are the wrans and stationery sold alongside. Mr Hunter's farm is the only place to go locally on a Sunday for a last-minute greetings card.

The Hunters bought the farm in 1963 from Mrs Hunter's parents, and over the years dairy cattle and cattlefattening kept them busy. "In the late 1960s, and then in the 1970s, the government en-couraged us to drain the land and there was a good subsi-dy." Mr Hunter says. Then we were encouraged to produce com, which we did until two years ago, when the market

went downhill. The growing costs were high, returns poor. and then along came the set-

"We sowed the land down to grass, producing hay for the horses and deer. The Highland cattle are just my hobby and I've given them to my daughter Jeanie, who coordinates our catering."

With George, a toddler grandson claiming his knee from time to time, Mr Hunter talked in the farmhouse kitchen after another weekend's pies, plants and peppercoms had all been sold. A daily helper was already at work, turning out fairy cakes for the Monday browsers.

Things are going well, and Mr Hunter sounds gruff only on the subject of "MPs and retired MPs who aren't fit to run a business themselves, attacking farmers who are doing their best. "We aim to do what the

superstores do not do." he says, "and our good fortune is to be close to a very busy main road. It wouldn't work if we were a mile up a farm track."

His enthusiasm for the business has convinced the whole family. They all join in. Son Andrew is a partner, daughter-in-law Caroline runs the office, and daughter Elaine helps wherever she is needed.

t is Mrs Hunter's discerning taste that marks the merchandise. "It's just a case of what sells," she says. "I buy in what I like myself, and it seems to work. Everything is as home-made as we can make it — we choose British brands, and sell only English wines."
Her husband is the planner,

deciding which gap to fill next, which outhouse to transform from near-collapse to burnished perfection. Their first shop was in an old workshop, which Mr Hunter converted. and then he extended the selling space into two looseboxes, then an old tithe barn.

Two years ago he opened a gallery selling pine furniture, with old and new dressers, tables, chairs and mirrors, "bought in from Galway or

of these islands". Even before he was wooing the customers to Buckinghamshire, Mr Hunter was never a keep-townies-out kind of coun-tryman: "I pity them, because to me London and big towns are concrete jungles — I'd live in a but-and-ben up the side of a mountain first. You can't wonder that city people have to get out and see what's in the wider world, and their need can be a great opportunity for people in the countryside," he



All good things around us. Anne and William Hunter with their harvest of farm shop fare, from pies to carved pine

says. "It's up to us to create interest, and anyone about to diversify should do something they will enjoy, whether it is running a weekend disco or some other entertainment." Mr Hunter's family had

always been farmers, but the way they moved south from Scotland is a storyline many a television series would find hard to better. The youngest of five sons, Mr Hunter moved south from Mauchline, in Avrshire, when his widowed mother, Annie Mair Hunter. hired a railway train to take her boys and her entire farm "eight Clydesdale horses, a hundred head of cattle") to Manor Farm, three miles up the road from Fleet Marston. Young Willie slept on a lug-gage rack on the journey, with Jock, the family collie ("aged nine and a half, the same age

as me") on the one opposite. The Hunters rented additional farms over the years, spreading themselves, but essentially they always farmed as a family. Mr Hunter met his wife-tobe, then a murse, when a sack of corn fell off a long and

Her father was about to sell Fleet Marston farm so young Hunter and his bride decided to buy it. Mrs Hunter had been born in what is now the guest room.

Mr Hunter claims not to know the price of a fairy cake. home-baked pie or a pot of fresh herbs; he tends to drive a JCB and look like the hired help. What he enjoys is thinking ahead. Before the year is out he intends to provide a tearoom, and after that, per haps, a small museum of old farming implements, rural an-

tiques for the city folk to see. But there are some things he is not allowed to offer them: "I would love to be able to sell good Scots beef and Avrshire bacon if I could," he says.

Nevertheless, despite the silk scarves and upmarket greetings cards, he still sells eggs potatoes. And on darkening Sunday afternoons, by a log fire, he and his wife find it heated oven, at 180C/350F. hard to resist a slice or two of Slice and spread with butter.

this English loaf treatment of a Scottish bannock recipe:

Bannock fruit loaf Soak overnight, 11b mixed dried fruit and 4 cup of soft dark brown sugar in one cup of cold tea. Next day, mix in 1 egg and 14 cup of self-raising flour. Add cherries or nuts, if you like. Bake in a 11b lined loaf tin for an hour in a pre-

Opening time for oysters

With an 'r' in the month coming up, it's good news for shellfish-lovers

he native oyster season started early this year. Without waiting for an " in the month the civic dignitaries of Colchester, Essex, planned to take to small boats yesterday for their offi-

cial opening ceremony.
Out in mid-channel on such occasions, the town clerk, John Cobley, reads a proclamation, couched in splendidly archaic phraseology. The mayor, who this year is Councillor Mary Frank, ceremonially dredges the first oyster and the season is toasted with gin and gingerbread. Then the whole company of

about 60 councillors and council officers puts ashore on Peewit Island, a salting off Mersea. to take a meal in an old packing shed.

The first course is 300 native oysters. supplied, as their lease from the council demands, by the Colchester Oyster Fishery Company. There is always an alternative option, Graham White, the deputy town clerk, admits. "because some people cannot face oysters."

The burghers of Colchester paid £26

a head for the Peewit Island picnic. Those who wish to attend the famous, and more formal, Colchester Oyster Feast, held at the end of October in the town's Moot Hall, will stump up £31 each. For that the Colchester Oyster Fishery Company provides 1,700 or so flat, round, smooth-shelled natives.

Colchester's dignitaries are sensitive to any suggestions that their oyster platters might be subsidised from council coffers because, in the days when oysters were plentiful, the oyster feast used to be a popular free-for-all.

Expense puts some people off oysters. For others it is a squeamish objection to consuming anything which is still alive. And for others again it is some bout of exerrable illness associated with oyster consumption in the past. While some people are

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allergic to oysters, others react to pathogens in the animals, possibly derived from the algae or plankton on which they have been feeding.

The growers purify their harvest by laying the shellfish for 36 hours in water constantly recirculated through ultraviolet light, which kills the micro-organisms.

Health checks are frequent and rigorous. Until now Britain has generally relied on the Klein-Eyre test, which looks for the bacteria known as E-coli, whose presence can indicate faecal pol-

lution. From the new year, to meet EC standards, a more complicated and protracted procedure - the Five Dilution Most Probable Number test (MPN) — will be introduced, requiring definitive cro-organisms, including salmonella. Oyster lovers who relish the fuller, purer flavour of natives over the less

expensive pleasure of the longer, rough-shelled and deeper Pacific ovsters, which are available all year round, will not be

deterred by such technological paraphernalia, anymore than they have been by expense.

For them the good news is that natives are expected to be the same price this year as last and that the harvest appears. by modern standards, to be good at the Naze, in Scotland. and on the south coast, as well as in Colchester's beds.

Con Guerin, the manager of the Atlantic Shellfish Company in Cork, which provides many of the "natives" eaten in British hotels and restaurants. advises: "Never drink whisky, brandy or other strong, coloured spirits after eating ovsters. They react together, and the stomach rejects both. The traditional drinks to go with oysters are stout or white wine. and with these you should not

ROBIN YOUNG

Party guests put to the test

have just come back to England with my husband, Johnny, after living in Los Angeles for seven years. There nobody cooks at home.
"Would you like to come to
dinner on Thursday at eight?"
"Oh, that will be wonderful"... then you find you are going to another restaurant.

In fact, all this going out to restaurants made me feel special, because I did cook. Everybody wanted to come to our house because they got real food. I became so crazed with everything low-fat and low-cholesterol that I reverted to cooking incredibly fattening shepherd's pies and breadand-butter puddings, which nobody had eaten for 20 years because they were all so wor-ried about their hearts. But once they discovered it wasn't going to kill them there was no stopping them.

I'm the sort of person who has to have a party for any form of celebration, whether it's a birthday. Valentine's day. Easter, Hallowe'en, you name it. One Christmas in LA we did a wonderful treasure hunt, which took weeks of planning. We had 26 people and divided them into teams of two - with one who knew the area, and one who didn't basically it was one English and one American person together. I started by giving every-

body a huge lunch and, of course, they all had a lot to drink. Then off they went. The first thing they had to bring back was a spoon, then a towel and eventually a dressinggown — and a member of staff from the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Three people managed it, so we had three members of staff of the Beverly Hills Hotel back

for tea, where they stayed for an incredibly long time. There was the doorman, a woman from the coffee shop and a maid, all in their uniforms. After all that effort, the prize was something ridiculous, like

a drum of sweets. But it was

SARAH STANDING



great fun. People got lost, they were gone for hours, they couldn't find their way back. Others were too worned to get a towel — it was a question of "borrowing" them; of going up to the third floor and pretending you had a hotel room and that you had lost your keys. It certainly tested people's powers of persuasion.

inviting -- all their friends.

They decorate the cake themselves. It gets covered with rocks, flowers, drawings. plastic animals, huge candles, tiny candles and sweets. It's like Trooping the Colour on top of the cake, in fact it's almost inedible because they've pushed so many things

ENTERTAINING AT HOME

birthday party, ever Now we're back in London we do a fair amount of entertaining. We eat in the kitchen, no dining-rooms for us; it's just straight from the stove. If we have masses of people, everyone just wanders around. and eats when they want to. We have a real mixture of people; anybody and every-body. It's very casual. If some-

body happens to call up at the right time 111 probably ask them round for dinner. Usual-

ly it's a pretty edectic group. I don't worry whether they get

on or not, I find if they're

eating and drinking and are

comfortable, they always do.

Johnny's a fabulous sort of

butler, my assistant, my layer of the table. He is great at

handing round food and talk-

ing to people. But he can't cook anything, except eggs.

I'm very organised, and

speedy. I can get the children

into bed by seven o'clock and

come back into a deserted

kitchen — but in three-quar-

ters of an hour dinner will be

made and 111 be upstairs

The children love parties. They must take after me. They've started giving Johnny a birthday party. They do all the buying: the paper plates and party hats; and they do the cooking and

into the icing.

The children get very serious about it all: they wrap up Pass the Parcel, which they always win; it's terribly funny. Johnny. getting changed. Johnny calls me Whizz.

What I'm hopeless at is cooking for two. I'm much better at getting dinner for lots of people. If Johnny came back from the theatre and said he'd asked ten people round for dinner it wouldn't panic me. He doesn't do that, though four for dinner has been known to become ten.

I have absolutely no sense of proportion: I cook for an army. I like to make huge things that people can delve into – fish pies, chicken pies or legs of lamb with masses of etables underneath that cook at the same time.

Afterwards, we'll sit talking. America they're all gone by 11.30pm; they're terrified of staying up late. But in England we're all still laughing and larking around at 3am.

Sarah Standing's chocolate bread and better pudding I small loaf chocolate bread from Sainsbury's or Harrods 6 pieces of white sliced bread, with the crosss on 1 pt milk

a little sugar

Butter a dish that is about 10in round and 3in high Slice chocolate bread, and butter lightly on each side. Butter both sides of the white bread, and cut into quarters. Then alternate white and col-Mix a pint of milk with three eggs and pour on top. Sprin-kle on a little sugar to your taste and put in an oven at 200C/400F for about half an hour, until it's crispy and brown. It should rise quite considerably. Serve with vanilla ice-cream or cream.

Interview by Paddy Burt Sarah Standing is the daughter of Bryan Forbes and Nanette actor John Standing (Sir John Leon). They have three children —

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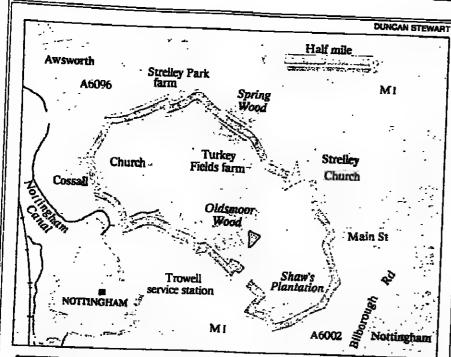
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WHERE TO WALK

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE has an abundance of walks - about 2,000 miles of footpaths and bridleways - through pleasant, if largely unspectacular, country-side. The list is headed by the 88-mile Robin Hood's Way, which begins at Nottingham castle and, after meandering through and around Sherwood forest, ends at the church in the village of

Within the forest are half a dozen circular walks of between five and ten miles. They and Robin Hood's Way are described and illustrated in two excellent booklets (available for £3.25 each from the County Council, Trent Bridge House, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 6BJ).

Given such a choice, it might seem perverse to choose a walk which twice crosses the M I motorway. The reasons in my case were its proximity to the city, its associations with D.H. Lawrence, and a

associations with D.H. Lawrence, and a curiosity to see how far the motorway impinged on the rural peace.

From the start of the five-mile walk, near the lovely sandstone All Saints church in Strelley, the noise is a dull, continuous roar, rather as though one were standing next door to a large waterfell or mill race. next door to a large waterfall or mill race. Strelley, named after the Norman landowner William de Stradlegh, is no more than a straggle of houses and is curiously difficult to find.

From a sharp bend in the road (OS Landranger map reference 508 418) follow the bridlepath for a short distance, then take the footpath to the right which leads southwest past the bottom of a wood. by which time the noise is a mere distant hum; the stiles have recently been replaced by smart new gates. When you come to another bridlepath, turn right again down to a dingy tunnel under the motorway. On the far side continue west until you reach a lane (ref: 486 418), which crosses the disused Nottingham canal and leads to

the attractive village of Cossall.

The first coal in Nottinghamshire was mined near Cossall in 1316, and nearly eight centuries later there are posters



forces into the city,

breach with Parliament, and

was the catalyst that plunged his

country into the tragic and bloody conflict that culminated

in his own execution.

The Royal Armouries' touring

exhibition of Civil War arms

and armour is ensconced in

Nottingham castle museum,

giving local people the opportu-

nity to muse on their city's past. Some such reminder is long

overdue. Contemporary Not-

tingham tends to conceal, even belie, its notable and frequently

Its claim to the status of a provincial capital is supported by the presence of a university, two thriving theatres — the Playhouse and the Theatre Royal — who of the countries leading

al — two of the country's leading

football teams, the famous

cricket ground at Trent Bridge

and a generous quota of muse-ums and galleries. But at first sight it presents itself as nothing

much more than a medium-

sized Midlands city, much of its

ancient character destroyed by postwar redevelopment and

The city's most enduring pop-

ular association is with the

legendary sheriff, the arch en-

emy of Robin Hood, but the medieval castle has long since vanished. The film crew making the newest outlaw epic, Robin

Hood: Prince of Thieves, found

its 19th-century successor whol-

y unsuitable, and even nearby

Sherwood forest too sanitised,

But all is not what it seems.

Closer acquaintance reveals a

city which retains a robust

identity, and much of interest.

Like Norwich, it is a city of hills

in the middle of a predominant-

ly flat landscape. There are still

fine views, a legacy of good if not great buildings, quiet peaceful

town, full of improbable spien-

dours', and to a considerable

The significance of the site,

where an ancient highway

crossed the river Trent, was

recognised at least as early as

the 6th century, when it was settled by the Anglo-Saxons. Its

subsequent period of Danish

occupation is commemorated in

street names such as Fishergate.

Fletchergate, Listergate, Pil-chergate and Wheelergate,

marking its importance as a craft centre and trading post.

William the Conqueror lost

no time in ordering the replace-

extent his verdict holds good.

and was forced to seek convincing locations in France.

one-way traffic systems.

violent past.

Writer's past: D.H. Lawrence country

everywhere denouncing new opencast mining proposals. Parts of St Catherine's church date from the 13th century, and next door is a row of 17th-century almshouses. Nearby Church Cottage was the home of Louise Burrows, Lawrence's flances which features as Lawrence's

fiancie, which features as Honeymoon Cottage in his novel The Rainbow.

Take the path from Church Lane, and turn right down the hill to a footbridge. Follow the grassed path up a field, through a gateway to the brow of a hill with good views across the countryside (ref: 485 428). Continue with the hedge on your right until you reach a cart road which leads past Strelley Park farm. Take another right turn to Spring Wood (ref: 497 428), formerly ancient forest but completely replanted 30 years ago.

Continue on past Turkey Fields farm until you reach a waymarked bridleway. Turn left towards the roar of the motorway, which this time is crossed by a bridge,

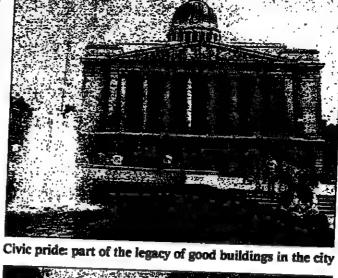


BEST OF BRITAIN

NOTTINGHAM

n a wall of Notting-Nottingham is best known for ham castle hangs a striking painting, by Henry Dawson, of the raising of the Royal Standard on Castle Hill on August 22, 1642. Historians tend to cavil at suggestions that this event marked the start of the Civil War pointing out that ham castle hangs a Robin Hood and Sherwood Forest, but beyond the legend John Young finds a city with many splendid things Civil War, pointing out that fighting had broken out in several parts of Britain weeks earlier. Recently a war of words threatened between Notting-ham and Hull, which says that the crucial event wars Hulls







Street cred: critical appraisal for an artist in the city centre

lanes and alleyways, and splen-did pubs. Nearly 50 years ago the historian A.L. Rowse des-cribed it as "a magnificent ment of the wooden Saxon fort by a stone castle, and a wall was built to divide the new "French borough" from the earlier Saxon settlement in order, it was said, to prevent quartelling. He seemed to have acted with a certain foresight, since the events of subsequent centuries proved the citizens of Nottingham to be a rowdy and rumbus-

tious lot. The would-be King John used the castle as his headquarters during his attempts to usurp his brother. Richard the Crusader. and it was from its walls, after he succeeded to the throne, that 28 boy hostages, sons of the

rebellious Welsh princes, were brutally hanged. In medieval times the city

became a regular base for the monarchy; parliaments were held in Nottingham in the 14th century, and in 1485 another Richard set out from the castle to lose first his horse and then his life at the battle of Bosworth.

From then on the castle's prominent role in the nation's history declined. Despite Charles I's theatrical gesture at the start of the Civil War, it became a Roundhead garrison, which beat off a succession of Royalist assaults. After the war its destruction was ordered, not

by Cromwell but by the garrison commander, Colonel John Hutchinson, who feared that the Lord Protector had become "poisoned by ambition", and that he might use it to further his personal ends.

his personal ends.

The ruins were subsequently replaced by an imposing Palladian mansion, built in 1679 as the seat of the Cavendish family, Dukes of Newcastle. In 1831 the local citizenry reasserted its rebellious nature by burning it down in protest at the quashing down in protest at the quashing of the Reform Bill A furious duke refused to rebuild it, preferring to leave it as "a memento of, and a standing disgrace to, the inhabitants of Nottingham".

An evocative painting by Charles McArthur, which hangs in the present building, depicts the decayed shell, over-grown by foliage. Stirred into action, the authorities spent the next four years restoring it as a museum, which houses a notable collection of English domestic silver, a number of paintings by local artists, and the regimental museum of the Sherwood Foresters. The surviving medieval gatehouse displays a notice stating when the sheriff will next be receiving visitors.

ecent excavations have revealed some remnants of the origi-nal castle, including the Black Tower, buried under the Castle Green, and there are conducted tours of caves in the sandstone rock on which the castle stands.

While the castle decayed, the city prospered during the 17th and 18th centuries, thanks to the expansion of local industries and the development of the Nottinghamshire coalfield. Timber buildings were replaced by town houses and streets built in brick and stone. In 1726 Daniel Defoe described it as "one of the most pleasant and beautiful towns in England".

The most famous of its new industries two leasants.

industries was lacemaking, a development which trans-formed men's and women's fashions and the decoration of r nomes. What had been a cottage industry in Elizabethan times was progressively expand-ed by the development of increasingly complex machines. During the early years of the 19th century about 15,000 men, women and children were employed in lacemaking, performing monotonous tasks for appallingly long hours in dispiriting conditions.

Lace is still produced in Nottingham, albeit on a greatly reduced scale and in a far more congenial environment. Some of the traditional machinery is on working display in the Lace Hall, a former Unitarian chapel, together with an audiovisual exhibition recounting the history of the industry. There are also shops selling finished products, and taking orders for wedding dresses or whatever.

But in many ways the most notable legacy of the lacemakers is the Lace Market, one of the most splendid collections of 18th and 19th-century factories and warehouses to be found in Britain. Most of them have been cleaned and restored, and some have found new tenants, but the



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■ The atmosphere at Souny's, 3 Carlton Street (0602 473041), is described by the owner, Vernon Fridays and Saturdays". In midweek it seemed eccentric, particularly on normal enough, although the all-white decor is an unusual touch. Specialities on the Californian-Italian menu include excellent fish soup and sticky toffee pudding. About £20-£25 a head, including wine. Ben Bowers, 128 Derby Road (0602 413388). looks from the outside like a Victorian pub, which it presumably once was. The ground-floor bistro, where you can take an apéritif in a comfortable armchair before moving to your table, offers "a recession-busting price breakthrough: 1985 prices in 1992", and £10 for a starter, main course and coffee - poached salmon mayonnaise followed by steak and kidney pie, for example - is undeniably good value. Downstairs à la carte main dishes are £10-£12. Good, inexpensive wine list. ● In warm weather Fothergill's, 5 Castle Road (0602 500074), with its large open terrace opposite

the entrance to the castle, is a popular meeting place, particularly at lunchtime. Pasta or fish (prawns, calamari, etc) about £5, chicken, pork or steak £8-£10. Fully licensed: friendly, efficient service. ● Nottingham has traditionally been well supplied with ethnic restaurants. Among the best is Ocean City, 100-104 Derby Road (0602) 475095), where the Cantonese specialities include whelks, duck webs, beef with bitter gourd and crabmeat braised in milk. Three courses £25-£35, inexpensive house wines.

> rother Pascal calls it "a B miracle. We couldn't have done it on our own." He is referring to Buckfast Abbey, near Plymouth in Devon, built over a period of 32 years this century by five Bene-dictine monks, of whom he was one. Now 81, he is remembering that period of his life as the monks celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the consecration.

This is the third church to be built on the site. The first was a monastery founded in 1018, only to be destroyed by Henry VIII. In 1882 monks again found their way to Buckfast when 30 came from France to escape persecution, settled there, and discovered the ruins of the 12th-century abbey in

their vegetable garden. The abbot at that time, Boniface Natter, dreamt of rebuilding the abbey but, in 1906, he was drowned in a shipwreck off the coast of Spain. It was left to Anscar Vonier, a German monk who survived the shipwreck and became abbot at Bucklast, to make the dream come true. With £5, a horse, and a great deal of faith, he asked a London architect to draw up plans for a new church, and in July 1907 the foundation stone was laid. About 500.000 visitors a year come to see this extraordinary

Gothic windows, Romanesque arches, 15 altars and an altar table of black Belgian marble. The marble on the floors came from ancient Greek and Roman buildings: the lantern ceiling was painted by the monks with

dow that occupies an entire Forty-four monks live in the adjoining monastery, their ages ranging from early twenties to 94, and their day divided, as laid down by St Benedict 1,500 years ago, between prayer, work and study. St Benedict also wrote that visitors should be

made welcome, and at Buckfast there is no doubt about that. A good way to start a visit is to watch a short video film that gives an insight into the life and work of the monks who, between five church services a day, make tonic wine and stainedglass windows for churches all over the country, keep 320 hives of world-famous bees, make honey, run a school and manage a 300-acre farm. In the attractively designed

MINI NO ALLIE THE RESIDENCE

Brotherly miracle wkers An 81-year-old monk has been busy celebrating a remarkable anniversary

restaurant and tearoom The Grange, built last year, you can lettering in gold leaf; and in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. have morning coffee, lunch and cream teas. The food is homeadded to the abbey in the made (though not by the 1960s, light streams through the beautiful stained glass winmonks), with particularly delicious treacle tarts, Eccles cakes and organic apple juice at a good range of prices.

There are facilities for families, a bookshop, and a gift shop-selling Buckfast tonic wine, Buckfast honey, recordings of the abbey choristers, and crafts including pottery and wooden bowls made by

Conferences and concerts are held here (beautiful countryside and no parking problems), and 11,000 schoolchildren a year use the abbey's educational

Everywhere, with the exception of an exhibition covering the abbey's "First Thousand Years", is accessible for people in wheelchairs. Buckfast's practical regard for visitors' welfare

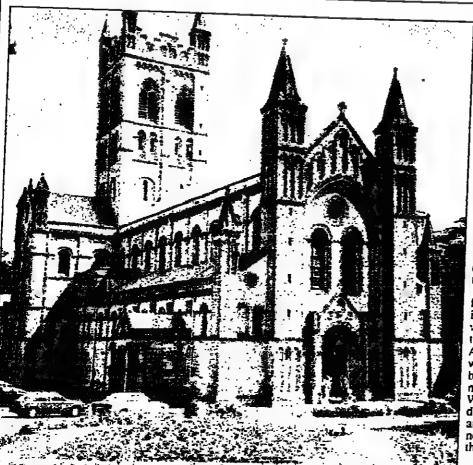
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toilet in the car-park to celebrate the 1,500th anniversary cass: Benedict's birth.

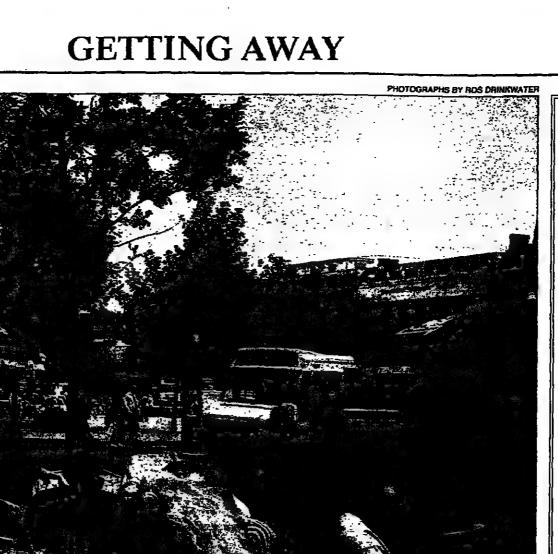
Greeting visitors at the abbey door to show them round is for no Father Jerome, aged 81. Before he came to Buckfast - he has been there for 59 years, except for a short spell as a teacher in Tanzania he was in the Salvation Army. As well as answering questions, he tells in the visitors about domestic life, how Buckfast was built, and why he became a monk.

I tell them, too, that Buckfast inis not a museum but a living church, because it's used for because what it was built for," he says. But people do not come merely as tourists to see the tall abbey. Several hundred a par come to Buckfast on retreats, to get away from the stress of relation everyday life. Guests include students revising for exams, writers and accountants, and according to Father James, the warden, most are not intensely

Not all of them are Catholics



Buckfast Abbey today: Henry VIII destroyed the original church, founded in 1018 of gold and grey stone, with



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A complete contrast to the

intensity of urban life is provided a few miles away at Newstead

Abbey, the family home of Lord

Byron. Set beside a lake in an

exquisite 300-acre park, it is one

of the few medieval religious

buildings to have been success-

fully converted into a private

In Byron's time it was neglect-

ed and largely uninhabited, and in any case the poet's restless wanderings took him abroad

for much of his life. In 1817 financial difficulties compelled

him to sell the estate to his

friend, Colonel Thomas Wild-

man, who, with the help of a

fortune inherited from the Ja-

maican plantations, set about restoring it. Since 1931 it has

been owned by the City of Nottingham and is admirably

Inevitably, Robin Hood has become Nottingham's biggest

selling point, and visitors are

almost expected to make the

pilgrimage a few miles north to Sherwood Forest. Only two sub-

stantial fragments remain of the

ancient forest, which in medi-

100,000 acres; much of the area

has been converted to farmland or commercially planted with

Sherwood has also suffered

from the inroads of mining,

which have caused subsidence,

created pollution, damaged

trees and interfered with under-

ground watercourses. No mat-

ter. There is a well-managed

450-acre country park, much of

it ancient oakland, including

the famous giant Major Oak,

reckoned to be at least 600 years

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ip to Jerusalem in Brewhouse Yard, and lacemaking tools on display in the Lace Hall

burch and rebuild it was tel only narrowly. Instead. mer of Victorian embelless were commissioned, ding the root of the nave, sails, bishop's throne and supit, all designed by Sir at Scott. Another notable century feature is the rere-

y 3odley and Garner. tingham's industrial sucgwever, also brought with te of the worst excesses of itation and squalor that in has ever witnessed. Be-1.750 and 1830 the popin quintupled, turning e's pleasant and beautiful into a vast, wretched slum.

Farmworkers poured into the city in search of employment, fields and orchards were destroyed to make way for back-toback houses, while the basic elements of drainage and street

Much of the blame was attrib-uted to an unofficial alliance between landowners and the city corporation, who refused to allow the city to expand beyond its historic boundaries. Trapped in inhuman conditions, thousands died from disease, starvation and suicide and were buried in mass graves.

maintenance were ignored.

It is hardly surprising that Nottingham became a hotbed

of civil unrest. It was the scene of some of the earliest action by the Luddites, followed by innumerable strikes, and the Reform Bill riots which led to the burning of

The city's turbulent history is well recorded both in the Castle Museum and in the Museum of Daily Life, housed in a row of 17th-century townhouses below the castle walls. The area, known as Brewhouse Yard, originally contained a brewery and several taverns, one of which, The Trip to Jerusalem, survives. Dating from 1189, it claims to be the oldest inn in England, and a pint or two in

> moriar and dressed the stone, and Brother Ignatius, who fell off the scaffolding when he was

> Warming to his memories of 60 years ago, Brother Pascal

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 Buckfast Abbey is open 5.45amwelcome to all services. Books on retreats include: The Good Retreat Guide, by Stafford Whiteaker (Rider, £9.90); Away From 11 All, by old. The visitor centre tends to the theme-park approach, with plenty of jousting, jesting and other "olde English" frivolities: the children love it.

For those without the time or inclination to make the journey to the real Sherwood, there is always the Tales of Robin Hood. an award-winning interpretive "experience". Visitors are transported on electric cars "back at the Corinium Museum, Cirenthrough time", with sights, cester, Jan 9-March 28 1993.

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outlaw lives on. • The Royal Armouries Civil War Exhibition, supported by The Times, will be at the Castle Museum, Nottinghum, until Sept 20. The exhibition can then be seen at the City Art Gallery and Museum



Spoilt for choice: the Forte Crest, one of the best

★ WHERE TO STAY ★

 For a city of its size, Nottingham is unusually well supplied with hotels and guest houses at all levels. Near the top of the list is the Forte Crest (0602 470131) which, whatever one's views of hotels owned by large chains, is distinctly a cut above the average of its kind. A female colleague was particularly impressed by the large Lady Crest rooms which, for once, had been designed and furnished to meet a woman's needs.

· Recession and the need to achieve higher occupancy rates have stimulated a range of weekend bargains. The Forte Crest charges [75] a night, room only, midweek, but offers dinner, bed and breakfast for £41 a head at weekends. Single rooms at the Royal Moat House (0602 414444), next door to the Theatre Royal, are reduced from £67 a night midweek to £28.50 on Fridays and Saturdays.

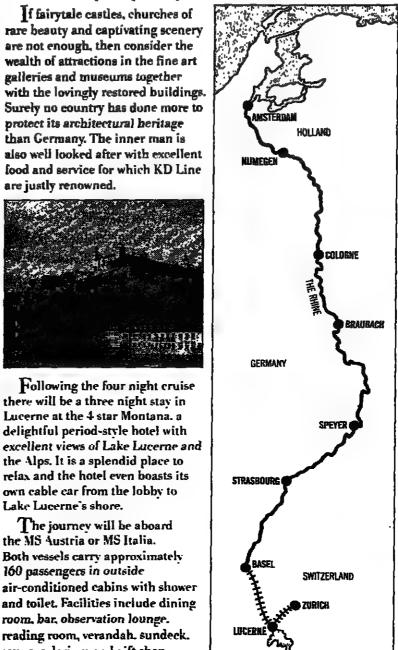
 Even better value is provided by the so-called Robin Hood rate, which embraces most of the city's main hotels. Those in the top group, which includes the above as well as the Rutland Gate hotel, an impressive warehouse conversion (0602 411114), and the Stakis Victoria (0602 419561). offer weekend bed and breakfast for £25 a night single and £49 double. The George (0602 475641), on the edge of the Lace Market, is £22.50 single, £44 double.

● Among the smaller hotels, the Regency House (0602 474520) is convenient and comfortable but, because of the weekend special offers by its larger competitors, the price differential is less marked than before. Singles from £39.50

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til next year when a new I, women have to stay in ly guest houses and eat in Grange. But all are wel-



A little proud: Brother Pascal, one of the five builder-monks

come at the abbey services, and days are spent reading, meditating, praying, or wandering through the monastery's riverside woods and meadows.

Brother Pascal, who came to Buckfast in 1927, when he was 16, spent 11 years at work on building the abbey, 30 looking after the bees and 20 in the kitchen. Now his working hours are taken up with housework

and making 20 gallons of beer a week, and some cider, for the monks' lunch. He and three of the other

builder-monks acquired their building skills from the fifth, Brother Peter, the only trained mason among them, who made all the nave arches himself and died at 92. Father Richard did the filling in on the walls, Brother Hilarion mixed the

in his forties, but recovered to live until he was 91, was the photographer and electrician.

relates how he once stood on top of the flagstaff 20ft above the 158ft high tower, how crowds would come to watch the monks at work, and the day the last stone was put in place during morning service and the ringers got together and rang the bells in a triumphal peal. "I never doubted it would be finished." he says. "But I think I was too young in those days to realise what it entailed."

Now Brother Pascal is the only one of the five dedicated builder-monks left to remember the consecration service. How does he feel, 60 years later? "! shouldn't be proud really," he says with a smile, "but perhaps I am, just a little."

Geoffrey Gerard (Latterworth Press, E6.95); Out of This World, by George Target (Bishopstage Press, £7.95/£4.95pbk).

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ACROSS

- 1 A scorn I'd displayed could be this (8) 5 Artist or poet wins over town (6,12)
- 16 Make a fuss and prepare for punitive strike, say (5,4)
- 17 It's rash to take flower-girl round Californian city (7)
- 18 Drink to enliven old man (6.3)
- 19 A spirited filly in the Oaks? (4-5) 20 Needed to make connections? A Duke's
- more appropriate (7) 21 Warm covers needed for China - or special coats, I see (3-6)
- 22 Size of error's irrelevant female's no worse than male I replaced (1,4,2,2,4,2,1.4)
- 24 This person's first name (6) 26 Date on clinic rebuilt at the same time,
- by chance (12) 28 Dominate with extra support (8) 30 Northern resort where anything's
- allowed? (4)
- 33 Side-splitting article by philosopher about part of body (7)
- 34 Wife sorts out what's least tidy (9) 36 Blows for sunny opportunists (9)
- 37 Power of intellect to count beyond 1,000 in port (4,4,6)
- 39 When confused, it is, perhaps, Rome's lead he needs (6.6)
- 42 Calling in porter it's spreading along line (9-3)
- 43 Off-putting type (14) 45 Short train dispatched - one must be
- 47 Replacing old net, it's fittingly intro-
- duced (7,2) 49 Backing nothing in a measure? It's a
- rhetorical question (7) 50 One goes from pier to pier, full of craft
- 51 Approaches experts about tax (8)
- 53 I, and most of the staff, favouring private ownership (12)
- 57 Arrested Greek islander taken back (6) 58 American's heart of gold gradually revealed in book (4,2,6,2,6)
- 62 Ketch's job on river, to dock and take one aboard (9) 63 One weapon includes parts of the other
- 64 Tender as result of sportive blow?
- Nothing in it (5-4) 66 Like descriptive verse unfair to elders in one OT book (9)
- 67 Shot one new sort of movie (5-2)
- 68 Coward's dramatic success in train (9) 69 Curtain's raised - sold out for the play
- 70 A large number of garden pots (8)

- I Rebel leader on island not a serious opponent (5.3) 2 It can be very dangerous charging
- money (5) 3 Cause no discord among the Titans (7) 4 Play not accepted by the Royal Court? $\{12,8\}$
- 6 Ambassador briefed twice concerning what's in this area (9)
- 7 Having assembled, we hear, remain inside for every type of treatment (7,7) 8 It's even said to appear plausible (6-6)
- new Indian city (7) 10 Place of entertainment's next West End hit (5-4)

9 Exchange of letters marks the end of a

- 11 Fruit tree producing endless fruit without one (6)
- 12 Move to richer parts, and impressive sort of address? (8) 13 It's useless to press a foreign voting
- system on elected board (11) 14 Two authors with novel sent real message of optimism (4,7,7)
- 15 Abandoned wreck's position near continent (2,3,5)
- 23 Underground worker is hard on youngster, say (4-5)
- 25 1960 case-book (4.11.5) 27 Intolerance as school's leader is re-
- placed by new head (10) 29 Fascinated way in which daughter
- 31 This poet, in short, misused litotes (6,7,5)32 They guarantee island's position in
- worst possible case (10) 35 Striking with lots of gunfire and explosions (9)
- 36 Tiddly, we hear, following a port (5) 38 Letters written before I enter US university force (5)
- 40 To be introducing special term is going too (ar (9)
- 41 Step in with cover, and set out to provide this? (14) 44 Inferred it's helpful (12)
- 46 Start off geographical organization in island group (11)
- 48 Jaw on male amphibian (10) 52 After partitioning of Ireland, study peace proposal (9)
- 54 Talked glibly about point that's not plain (9)
- 55 A French female upset in test of ownership rights (8) 56 Tough kid, for example, comes to
- unhappy end (8) 59 Amusing fellow-doctor (7)
- 60 Icy lakes I'd found oddly picturesque (7) 61 Punished us without a break (6)

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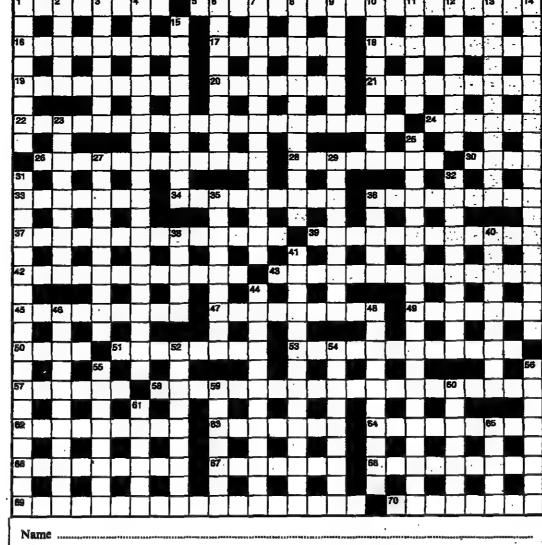
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I German motor-

2 Fathoming

3 Bumpy (3.4)

4 No gain, no loss

6 Alive (livestock)

7 Penal colony ex-

(4,1,7) 9 Beef, lamb, ven-

10 Occasionally (9)

11 Maltreat (3.3)

12 Require imple-

13 Ballast sacks

14 Star Trek craft

15 Cup-switching trick (10) 23 Trademark

25 Jordan-crossing

spiritual (5,3,5,7)

27 Ripped receipt

31 Luxor tomb

35 Sneaked away

36 Belief principle

(5) 38 Thicket (5)

40 Film test (5,4)

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44 Announce

theme (4,3,5)

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Spare rooms: it is not hard to get lost in the The Old Rectory, whose guide price is £650,000

house in a "swap" with the resident parson the day war broke out in 1939. The present owners have lived there for 21 years, and made their own tasteful improvements in 1972. The Old Rectory is well

suited for entertaining, and with so many sections to explore, it's not surprising that some guests have been lost (temporarily) in the warren of rooms and staircases which always seem to lead back to the central reception hall, with its brick nogging fireplace

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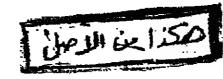
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farmhouses, with sizeable acreages, start at £40,000. Fully renovated, with outbuildings and up to ten acres of fruit trees and farmland, these fetch from £80,000. A restored farmhouse, with beautiful views over open countryside, near the village of

Montelar, is for sale at 264.000, through French & Property Shop, Wadhurst Road, Mark Cross, East Sus-sex (0892 852449). It has a large, attached open-fronted barn and 42 acres of land Not far from the border with the Dordogne, near the old market town of Lanzun, this attractive stone farmhouse (left), set in 1 2 acres of garden with vines, surrounded by rolling green countryside, is on offer at £69,000 (including agency fees). The 150-year-old stone house has been restored by its English owners and has central heating. The UK agent is Sifex, Phoenix House, 86 Fulham High Street, London C. SW6 (071-384 1200),

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Tudor pile more home than stately

It's a family affair when the old hall

opens its doors. Widget Finn writes

nna and John Mosesson, of Otley Hall in Suffolk, have an advantage over other people who open their historic houses to the public between them they have seven children, and this bank holiday weekend everyone, except 18-month-old Cecilia, will be on duty. "All the children are involved,"

Mrs Mosesson says, "whether they're selling tickets, showing people round, answering questions or washing up. Visitors like to see that a family actually lives here."
For example, Dargan, aged 21, takes the entrance money, Beata and lona (six and nine) help with the cream leas while Jock, ten, is in charge of exhibitions. charge of exhibitions.

Swedish-born Mr Mosesson, the chairman of a group of building companies, first saw the hall in 1976, while looking for land in Suffolk on which to build a "machine for living". Instead he fell in love with 500-year-old Otley, hidden deep in the countriside. den deep in the countryside.

The house is a textbook example of medieval domestic architecture, with half-timbering, pargetting, rosy brick, mullioned windows, towering tudor chimneys and a most. Lying in the long grass by the water's edge is a child's battered tricycle, a reminder that Otley Hall is more home than stately.

Originally a farmhouse built in 1420, the building was extended in 1500 and incorporated into an elaborate Tudor house around 1580. The Great Hall, with its huge mullioned windows, and screens passage, the linen-fold panelled parlour and wall paintings in the banquet hall are reminders of Otley's illustrious past. It was home to the Gosnold family, royal courtiers and pioneers in the New World, where Martha's Vineyard is named after a Gosnold daughter. From the 17th century to 1900 the house was lived in by tenants, who preserved it from successive fashions in "modernisation".

When Mr Mosesson, who is chairman of the Historic Houses Association of East Anglia, bought Otley Hall he had no plans to open it to the public. But like many owners of historic houses he welcomed anyone who was interested in viewing the building. "The bush



Welcoming turnout: John and Anna Mosesson with six of their seven children — from left to right, Beata, six: Dargan, 21; Jock, ten: Truan, 16; Cecilia, 18 months; Iona, nine

telegraph got out of hand," Mr Mosesson says. "People were visiting the house every day, sometimes in unmanageable numbers, so we decided to open officially on bank holiday weekends."

In 1982 the tenor Sir Peter Pears, who was a family friend, performed the opening ceremony. Since then, there have been about 100,000 visitors each year.

Mrs Mosesson, who is also Swedish, married her husband two years ago. She was undaunted at the prospect of taking on a slice of English heritage after a childhood spent at Charlton, a much grander 18th-century house in Fife. "But there is something special about Otley," she says, "perhaps because it hasn't got Rembrandis and fine furniture. Visitors say that it feels like a Christmas house, with an atmosphere of warmth and family. and the smell of wood fires."

Four weeks of hard work are needed to prepare the ten-acre garden before an open day, and the older children help to cut the grass with an elderly mower. Opening the house itself forces the family to tidy it up, Mr Mosesson says, but little preparation is needed apart from clearing away scattered toys and putting up a few disarming notices in childish handwriting which say invitingly: "Do come in." There's a marked absence of forbidding "no entry" signs. "We just close a few doors." Mr

Mosesson says, "and occasionally someone who is particularly curious will open one and find a pile of dirty washing and old boxes that we've chucked out of the way." Otley Hall, having survived the

batterings of 500 years, quickly shrugs off the effects of 500 visitors in an afternoon. Ten minutes after the gates are closed. Mr Mosesson says, the signs are taken down, the string which marks the car park is rolled up, and all is back to normal. Appreciative visitors make all the

hard work worthwhile, the Mosessons say. "Very occasionally," Mrs Mosesson admits, "someone will put a snide commment in the visitors' book, like 'How much do you pay in community charge?"

then slip away having made their political statement. But many people tell us that it is the most beautiful house they have ever visited and ask if they can help with the washing up!"

The entrance fee of £3.50 (child £2.50) makes a vital contribution to Otley's upkeep. Maintenance costs for an old house, according to the Historic Houses Association, are five times as much per square foot as for a modern one.

Otley Hall does not close at the end of the summer. There are private tours, by appointment, and recently the Mosessons rose to the challenge of entertaining 80 schoolchildren for an afternoon. The Mosessons, who are both trained musicians, organise 20thcentury concerts in the Great Hall. Mr Mosesson is exploring ways of providing income for the upkeep of the building. One of the barns has been equipped as a 100-seater conference room, and with the Aldeburgh Festival nearby the house provides an unusual venue for corporate entertaining and

company training.

But Otley Hall will always be first and foremost a home open to people who appreciate its timeless beauty and tranquil surroundings.

Otley Hall, near Ipswich, Suffolk, is open tomorrow and Monday, 2-6pm. £3.50, child £2.50, including parking. Disabled parking and access to ground floor rooms available.

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The house, built by Gardiner in the 1720s, had delightfully ornate Dutch gables on all four fronts, but a fire in



New life: Bankton House

1870 destroyed the panelling inside, and a further fire in 1966 left the house a pathetic shell. The end gables were taken down for safety.

When the land was acquired for open-cast coalmining, the Lothian Building Preservation Trust persuaded British Coal to replant the orchard to the south and fill out a small stretch of park to the north with young trees.

Supported by grant offers from Historic Scotland and East Lothian district council, the trust will create four duplex apartments in the main house. Further apartments will be created in the other buildings on the estate.

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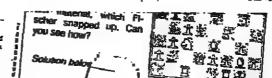
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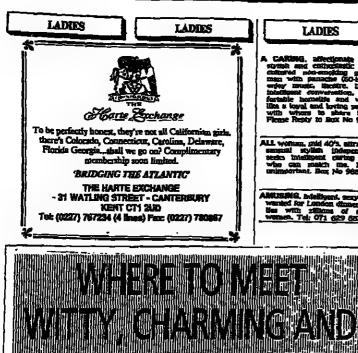
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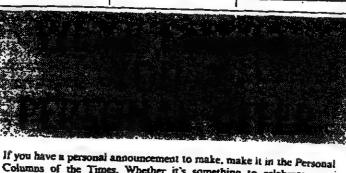
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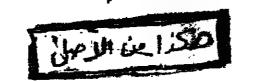
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10.00 Sign Extra. A special programme marking a decade of the BBC Computer Literacy Project (82382)
10.30 Film: Les Misérables (1978). Polished television movie of Victor Hugo's novel following the misfortunes of a man imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread. Starring Anthony Perkins and Richard Jordan Directed by Glenn Jordan (98547)
12.30 CountryFile with John Craven. Rupert Segar examines racial prejudice in the countryside (1470672) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News (72242030) followed by The High Chaparral. Classic western series starring Leif Erickson (r) (6909924)
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3.30 Film: The Trip to Bountiful (1985). Powerful drama about an aging widow who dreams of visiting her home town one last time. Starring Geraldine Page, who won an Oscar. Directed by Peter Masterson (195517)
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5.45 Europe By Design. Tom Vernon discovers how five European countries express their ambitions through big building plans. (Ceefax) (906566)
6.15 The Supring Guide to Food Chard Palls.

6.15 The Survival Guide to Food, Cheryl Baker presents a new six-part series on food poisoning and how to avoid it. (Ceefax) (990382)
6.25 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (939568)
6.40 Songs of Praise. Pam Rhodes joins 2,500 young Baptists as they congregate for a day out at Alton Towers. (Ceefax) (s) (251721)
7.15 The Two Ronnies. More vintage comedy sketches from Corbett and Barker. With guest Elaine Paige (r). (Ceefax) (417450)



A family tear-jerker: Ted Danson and Jack Lemmon (8.05pm)

● CHOICE: Handkerchiefs at the ready for a sentimental wallow through the troubles of a nice Los Angeles family. It is bad enough when mum (Olympia Dukakis) is taken to hospital after a heart attack. Then dad (Jack Lemmon), already on the edge of senility and barely able to cope alone, is diagnosed as having cancer. Never mind, son John (Ted Danson) has flown in from his high-powered job on Wall, Street to ease the way for his ailing folks and in the process to mend fences with his estranged son. This unashamed affirmation of family life, not a fashionable theme in the cinema or anywhere else these days, was directed by Gary David Goldberg, it is saved from unbearable sweetness by the sympathetic playing of Lemmon, who is almost unrecognisable with his bald head, ample moustache and old man's wrinkles. (Ceefax) (s) (38535301)

10.00 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax). Weather (457653) CHOICE: Handkerchiefs at the ready for a sentimental wallow

10.15 Everymen: How to Get to Heaven in Montana

■ CHOICE: Named after one of the 16th-century's lesser-known Protestant reformers, the Hutterites entered the United States from Germany 100 years ago and live in isolated farms along the American-Canadian border. They do not watch television and normally fight shy of the cameras. The Hutterites of Flat Willow, Montans, made an exception for Everyman and may have regretted it. Jane Treasy's film reveals how two-thirds of the community has rejected the austreal Hutterites was of the community has rejected the austreal Hutterites was of the community has rejected the austreal Hutterites was of the regretted it. Jane Treays's film reveals how two-thirds of the community has rejected the austere Hutterite way of life and converted to born again Christianity. Each Sunday now sees rival church services and the defections have divided families, turning brother against sister, son against father, even husband against wrie. The born again women revel in their new freedom. At last they can wear brightly coloured dresses. (Ceefso) (818108)

11.05 Doogle Howser MD. Inflating American comedy about a teenage medical genius. Doogle two-times his girlfriend (s) (362214)

11.30 Floggin' a Dead Horse, Singer-songwriter Peter Skellem takes a lighthearted view of village life (r) (88566)-12.90 Wearther

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6.35 Open University: Motion in a Circle (5160653) 7.00 Modern Art: Jackson Pollock (5047566) 7.25 Mining for Science (5059301) 7.50 The Optical Lens (1834634) 8.15 Cars and Corrosion (8957214) 8.40 Industrial Strife (4930011) 9.05 Patterns in Green (7699721) 9.30 Arts: King Cotton's Palace (9729214) 9.55 Frontiers of Geology (6299924) 10.20 Whipped into Action (6055905) 10.45 Women's Studies: Taking the Credit (8879818) 11.10 Insat — Implications for a Nation (1720498) 11.35 A Global Culture (5507363)

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12.00 Eastern Spirit, Western World. A profile of the Chinese-born artist Diana Kan (23566). Northern treland: Greenflingers
12.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider from the Belfry. The line-up includes: 12.35 Motor racing: Live coverage of the Belgian Grand Prix from Spa; 2.45 Show jumping: The Hickstead Derby; 4.30 Golf: Action from the third round of the Murphy's English Open from the Belfry (3859092)
6.00 Edinburgh Nights. An historical and hysterical look at the best of the festival fringe comedy (127)
6.30 One Man and His Dog. Phil Drabble introduces the third heat of this year's sheepdog trials from Ennerdale Water in the Lake District (s) (991837)

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7.15 The Living Planet: The Northern Forests. Continuing his famous wildlife series, David Attenborough explores the world's largest forest, which stretches from the Arctic to the southern United States (r). (Ceefax) (439672)

8.10 A Woman of No Importance. Patricia Routledge stars in Alan Bennett's award-winning monologue. The doyenne of the works canteen is at a loss when she is admitted to hospital (r) (775547)

9.00 Grand Prix Highlights. Murray Walker introduces highlights of the Belgian Grand Prix from Spa (3363)

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Hollywood dreams: with Donald Sutherland (10.00pm)

10.00 Moviedrome. Alex Cox introduces The Day of the Locust (1974) and, at 12.20am The Big Knife (1955, b/w)

● CHOICE: Tonight's Moviedrome theme is Hollywood on Hollywood, with two scathing portraits of the American movie capital. Made by the British director John Schlesinger, The Day of the Locust is much the longer and also the more diffuse. It is a bold strengt, fine in parts but an unesex whole to translate Nethangel. attempt, fine in parts but an uneasy whole, to translate Nathanael West's lacerating novel and follows the bewildered progress of an art director (William Atherton) through the studio system of the 1930s. There is good work from Karen Black and Donald Sutherland. Robert Aldrich's *The Big Knife*, a high octane treatment of a play by a Hollywood victim Clifford Odets, was made just as the studio system was starting to crumble. Jack Palance plays a star on the slide but Rod Steiger steals the film as a studio head drawn from two real monsters, Louis B. Mayer and Harry Cohn (67808130). Ends at 2.10 ITV

6.00 TV-am (5217522)
9.25 Disney's All-American Sports Nuts. A mixture of animation and irreverent sketches featuring Olympic athletes (5552176)
10.20 The Littlest Hobo. Canine adventures (6082059)
10.45 Link. A profile of blind teacher Judy Watson. (Oracle) (6744672)
11.00 Morning Worship from the Church of Christ the King, Cockfosters (99932)
12.00 Until the Break of Day. The beliefs and rituals surrounding death in the Western Isles of Scotland (10092)
12.30 The Entertainers. The actress Dora Bryan (46905)
1.00 ITN News and weather (63894059) 1.10 LWT News (72233382)
1.15 Cartoon Time (82395382)
1.40 Film: The Parent Trap (1961). Pleasing Disney comedy starring Hayley Mills and Maureen O'Hara. Identical twins, separated at birth, meet for the first time at summer camp and hatch a plot to reunite their divorced parents Directed by David Swift (74429301)
4.10 Film: Journey to the Centre of the Earth (1959). Rousing version of the Jules Verne story with James Mason and Pat Boone on an of the Jules Verne story with James Mason and Pat Boone on an of the Jules Verne story with James Mason and Pat Boone on an of the Sules Western Sules of the Sules of the Sules Western Sules of the Su

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6.00 Haggard: Condemned. Keith Barron stars in the last of Eric Chappell's cornedy series based on the tales of an impoverished squire. Haggard is sentenced to death after being unjustly imprisoned for armed robbery. (Oracle) (s) (653)
6.30 ITN News and weather (317295) 6.35 LWT News (316566)
6.40 Annie Across America. Conduding her search for Christianty in the modern United States, Anne Gregg visits a drive-in chapel in Las Vegas. Then it is on to Los Angeles where she meets a pnest whose congregation is dying of Ads. (Oracle) (253189)
7.15 Murder, She Wrote: Taimted Lady. Angela Lansbury stars as the writer turned amateur sleuth. In the last of the series, Jessica's friend is accused of serving arsenic in her diner. (Oracle) (433498)

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Ordinary people on film: with Matthew Kelly (8.10pm)

8.10 Frame the Femily. Matthew Kelly introduces the video films of four ordinary families who have recorded their everyday lives for the past six months (507276)

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8.40 Second Thoughts: Overtaken by Events. Lest in Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie's comedy series starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham. Hannah wants to learn to drive (r). (Oracle) (s) (120276)
9.10 Film: Quincy — A Star is Dead (1976). Jack Klugman stars in a feature-length mystery. The police forensic expert suspects foul play when an actress allegedly commits suicide (r) (2868363)
10.35 Th News with Edward Stourton. Weather (679740)
10.55 The Monarchy: The Wealth of the Windsons. This programme looks at the true cost of Britain's monarchy and examines whether the Ousen is the nchest person in the country. (Oracle) (397634)

the Queen is the nichest person in the country. (Oracle) (397634) 11.25 TV Squash

● CHOICE: The satirical tilt at the small screen ends its first series in strong enough form to make you look forward to the next one, surely deserving an earlier slot. Its parodies of television programmes and genres hit the target more often than not and it has the virtue of knowing when to stop. Tonight's helf hour crams in 17 items, a guarantee that none outstays its welcome. The only reservation is that you need to be a telly addict to pick up all the references. A personal selection includes a ity-on-the-wall documentary team at work, a send-up of the Food and Drink team and a Newshight discussion steamfollered by a Jeremy Paxman figure. Brian Johnston, complete with chocolate cake joke, and David Gower, help with a cricket sketch and there is a bit part for Cynthia Payne, the madam of Streatham (368498) 11.55 Film: Panic at Lakewood Manor (1977). Routine horror thriller in

which killer ants rampage through an exclusive holiday resort.
Starring Robert Foxworth. Directed by Robert Scheerer (962924)

1.45am Cue the Music. Mike Mansfield introduces Judie Tzuke in

concert at the Glastonbury music festival (699141)

2.45 American Music Awards from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. Featuring MC Hammer and Guns N' Roses (153073)

4.35 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (9630141)

5.30 ITN Morning News (13257). Ends at 6.00

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3.40 Film: Daydreams (1922, b/w). Silent cornedy starring Buster Keaton as a country boy who goes to the city to make his fortune. Directed by Buster Keaton and Eddie Cline (4186011)
4.00 Robert Schumann. Maria Jobo Pires, with the Radio Symphony Orchestra Basle under Matthias Barnert, performs the Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op 54 (r) (s) (4072769)
4.40 Manuel De Falla. Adnan Marthaller directs a harpsichord piece by the Spanish composer (5670924)

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5.30 Teletoons. Sauf U. Lloyd explores the world of animation (11740)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American family comedy series. (Teletext) (547)
7.00 Equinox: Unravelling the Universe. A look at superstring theory, which may prove to be the most significant advance in understanding the mechanics of the universe since Einstein's theory of relativity (r). (Teletext) (s) (9547)
8.00 Europe Express. Klaus Schwagrzinna visits the Lafoten Islands in Norway, where the minke whale is once again being hunted; Marie Guichoux examines the career of Yolanda Carvajal, a trainee matador in Madrid; and Isabella Stasi Castriota asks French cluzens what they really think of the European community (2301)

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8.30 The Real Thing. The final part of the series examining religious belief in a post-modem world (96653)

9.30 Go Fishing. In the last of the series, John Wilson explores Lake Kariba in Zimbabwe and searches for the enigmatic Vundu (57011)



Orphaned sisters: Andrea Burchill, Sara Walker (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Housekeeping (1987). Touching comedy-drama about two orphaned sisters who are taken under the wing of their eccentric aunt (Christine Lahti). Directed by Bill Forsyth. (Teletext) (s) 89132837)

12.10am Extreme East. In the last programme in the series, Laszio Kistamas reports on Kolibri, an all-girl Russian band; Nordung, a Slovenian theatre group; with music from Avia, Psi Bojaci and the

Balkan Terrorists (2911764)

12.40 Film: The immigrants (1990). A tragic tale of two poor men who leave their village to seek better lives in the city, only to find themselves among the exploited workers of Bombay. Starring Shabana Azmi and Nana Patekar. Directed by Sai Paranjpye. In Hindi with English subtitles (30284180). Ends at 3.10

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entertainer and rambler, talks

to his friends and neighbours in the village of Dent 5.40 Lines of Communication with Patrick Hannan 5.50

Shipping 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.15 Feedback presented by Chris

Dunkley (r) 5.30 The Standard Setters: The

last in a series of four conversations in which the Rev Dr Edward Norman talks to people whose work affects general moral attitudes. The

week: (.ord Tebbit (s)
7.00 in Business presented by
Peter Day. With the recess

expected to stretch well into next year — possibly even longer, how do companies survive? Three case histories,

and a panel of experts, examine the current predicament of British

business (s) (r)
7.30 A Good Read: Edward Blishen

is joined by Lynn Barber and lan Hislop (s) (r)

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police about the problem of
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10.00 News 10.15 The Adventures
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11.00 The Board Game: The last in

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6.00 The Wiz (1978): Diana Ross in a fantasy set in Harlem (78346914) 8.15 Mr and Mrs Bridge (1990): Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward play a Newman and Joanne Woodward play a husband and wife growing old (65217479) 10.25 White St. of Terror (1990): A mystari-

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

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Monteverdi (Magnificat, Vespers of 1610)

Ravel (Introduction and Allegro: Nash Ensemble); Rossini (Sonata for Strings No 5 m E flat); Rameau (Suite: Dardanus)

Morning: Including works by Carneloube, Praetorius, Khachatunan, Elgar, Bax and Bruckner, Gershwin and

Bruckner, Gershwin and Delius. Featuring Rossinn (Overture, William Tell); 9.30 Weber (Clannet Concertino in E flat: Emma Johnson); 9.58 Artist of the Week: Regina Resnick sings music from Bizet's Carmer; 10.38 Bach (Suite No 3 in D, 8WV 1068); 11.06 Composer of the Week preview Milhaud (Suite d'Après Corette); 11.32 Wiren (Serenade for Strings); 11.47 Dvorak (Carmival Overture) 12.00 English and Baroque Music by William Lawes, Pelham Humfrey and Purcell; Monteverdi, Salomone Rossi and Mazzochi performed by Tragicomedia under Stephen

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Variations)
5.10 Poet of Provence: A portant of Darius Milhaud in lebration of the centenary of 6.00 Bach in Perspective: Peter Hurford, organ, performs Bach (Concerto in E flat, BWV 597); Pachelbel (Chaconne No 6 in F minor); Buxtehude (Toccata in F, BuxWV 156); Bach (Num

Komm' der Heiden Heiland. BWV 661, Sonata No 5 in C, BWV 529) (r)

8.45 San Glovanul Bartistar
Oratorio by Alessandro
Stradella. La Stagione under Michael Schneider

8.15 Proms 1992. A contribution to the 200th anniversary of the burth of Rossini, with his music reinterpreted by Mike Westbrook, plano, and Kate Westbrook, vocalist, with the Mike Westbrook Orchestra 9.00-9.25 Geoffrey Smith presents a Sicilian Festival

10.10 Sunday Play Summer Season: En Passant

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the world's most cerebral game but it comes close to being a contact sport in David Benedictus's cornedy about a

north London grudge match between exiled masters from eastern Europe. The strength of the piece, apart from two well-judged central performances from T.P. McKenna and Dave King, lies in its detailed observation. Alexander Rahbari performs
Brahms (Tragic Overture);
Dvorak (Slavonk Dances, No
10 in E minor, No 13 in B flat
minor, No 15 in C)
1.35 Domus with Chi-Chi
Nwanoku, double bass,
Beethoven (Piano Quartet in E
flat, Op 16); John Casken
(Piano Quartet); Schubert
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(Piano Quartet); Schubert lies in its detailed observation of the chess world. Benedictus must surely be writing from expenence when he evokes the band of mild eccentrics who descent park weekend who descend each weekend on draughty halls, with their Thermos flasks and packets of do not have to be mad to play chess but in the Benedictus

version it certainly helps 11.10 Sounds Like Bach? Joshua Rifkin considers three violin works (Sonata in E minor, BWV 1023, Fugue in G minor, BWV 1026, Sonata in C minor, BWV 1024) 12.00-12.05am Naves

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8.00 News; 8.10 Sunday
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appear in a London production of *The Seagull*. A fan decides that this is the opportunity to make her aware of his existence. The play is followed by a short interview with the writer, David Edgar (s) (r)

4.00 News: Circle Dance: Dreams on a Summer Sunday, Recorded on location at Parham Park, Sussex (s)

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6.35 Open University: Interrogating the Past (5102639) **7.00** Shapes of Flows (5072252)

7.25 News and weather (8532146) 7.30 Hallo Spencer. Puppet fun (r) (1865504) 7.50 Babar. Antics of a regal elephant (r) (1869320) 8.15 The New Lassie. Canine adventures (r) (8968320) 8.35 The Jetsons. Fun with the space-age family (4975184) 9.00 Parallel 9. Among the guests are the singers Belinda Carlisle and Ce Ce Peniston and stars from the World Wrestling Federation. Plus pages of the Netting Hill carnival (s) (19768252)

news of the Notting Hill carnival (s) (19268252)

10.55 Film: Peter Lundy and the Medicine Hat Stallion (1977). A

family adventure set in the mid-19th century about a teenager who becomes a rider for the Pony Express. Starring Leif Garrett. Directed by Michael O'Henlhy (96879981) 12.27 Weather

12.30 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is: 12.35 Football Focus: Bob Wilson and Gary Lineker review the week's soccer action; 1.05 News; 1.10 Motor cycling from Cadwell Park 1.55 Racing from Goodwood: 2.00 March Stakes; 2.30 Sport on 5 Stakes Handicap; 3.10 Beefeater Gin Celebration Mile, 2.05, 2.35 Show jumping: Speed Derby from Hickstead; 3.15, 4.00 Golf: action from the second round of the Murphy's English Open at the

Belfry, 3.50 Football half-times; 4.40 Final Score (71826287)
5.10 News and weather (5830146) 5.20 Regional news and weather

(9781146)
5.25 Tom and Jerry Triple Bill. Cat and mouse games (r) (9976349)
5.50 Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Highlights of the annual event from the floodlit esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. This year the Tattoo celebrates the 350th anniversay of the Scots Guards. The Mehter Band from Turkey makes its first appearance in Edinburgh and among the 120-strong Massed Pipes and Drums is the Band of Adelaide University, Australia. Tom Fleming provides the commentary (s) (267610)
6.45 Jim"l Fix It. Sir Jimmy Savile introduces a compilation of viewers' favourite dies from 1991. (Ceefax) (553829)

favourite clips from 1991. (Ceefax) (553829)

7.30 Dad's Army: Big Guns. Jimmy Perry and David Croft's genial cornedy featuring the bumbling antics of the home guard. Staming Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurer (r). (Ceefax) (788)



Going to Barbados: Joan Hickson as Miss Marple (8.00pm)

8.00 Mhs Marple: A Caribbean Mystery. The last of three repeated Agatha Christie stories. Joan Hickson plays the indomitable amateur detective who finds murder and intrigue while on holiday in Barbados. Donald Pleasence enjoys himself as an eccentric millionaire (r). (Ceefax) (s) (69961436)
9.50 News and sport with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (221788)

10.10 Match of the Day. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of two of this afternoon's fixtures in the Premier League. With commentary by John Motson, Barry Davies and Tony Gubba, reports from David Davies and Clive Tydesley and reaction from Alan Hansen (s) (849349)

11.10 Film: The Cassandra Crossing (1976). Clodhopping disaster epic with Richard Harris, Sophia Loren and Burt Lancaster in which a terrorist carrying a plague virus boards the Geneva to Stockholm express. Ava Gardner, Ingrid Thulin and Martin Sheen are also in the cast but the real star is the train. Directed by George Cosmatos (35580610) 1.15am Weather (5215189)

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6.40 Open University: The Manner 9 Code (5185962) 7.05 Maths: Modelling Cranes (5079165) 7.30 Geology: The Capitan Reef (3142542) 7.55 Images: Viewing with Electrons (1866233) 8.20 Hevoland Polders (8987455) 8.45 Insat — Implications for a Nation (4962610) 9.10 Head Start: Children of the Dream (7727558) 9.35
The Education Reform Act (9751813) 10.00 Testing Teachers
(2779287) 10.25 Survival in a Competitive Environment (6087504)
10.50 The Flight of the Eagle (5942894) 11.15 Basque Nationalism and the Spanish State (1752097) 11.40 A New Breed (5537504)
12.05 Mining for Science (1798691) 12.30 Education: The Bennett Report (1401542) 12.55 Managing in Organisations (4100368) 1.20 Race, Education and Society (61077981) 1.45 The Successful Seven (61644900) 2.10 Horses for Courses: An Evolutionary Radiation (58115875) 2.35 Women's Studies (9098707)
3.00 Film: Gaslight (1944, bw). The first in a three-film tribute to Ingrid

Bergman, who died ten years ago today. A gripping Hollywood version of a classic Victorian thriller with Bergman as the bride who begins to doubt her sanity. With Charles Boyer. Directed by George

4.50 International Golf. Further coverage of the second round of the Murphy's English Open from the Beltry, Warwickshire (7709146)
 6.00 The Late Show: Bottom Line Special. Featuring Nanci Griffith,

Rosanne Cash and Mary-Chapin Carpenter, recorded in concert at New York's Bottom Line dub in 1991 (r) (160368)

6.45 Personal Details: Motherhood, Work and Identity. Working mothers talk about the difficulties of combining a job with raising a

child (470349)

7.15 News and sport with Moira Stuart. Weather (312523)
7.30 TVYP: Viewers with Attitudes. Young people make video reports about television programmes (11271)
8.30 Dancemakers: Jonathan Burrows. Teachers and friends provide a profile of the innovative choreographer. The programme ends

with a dance duet performed to a selection of hymns (s) (998184)



Facing his creation: Frank Finlay as Conan Doyle (9.25pm)

9.25 Encounters: The Other Side

OCHOICE: David Ashton's screenplay has Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Frank Finlay) being confronted by the ghost of Sherlock Holmes (Richard E. Grant) and finding himself accused of a triple betrayal—abandoning his father to an asylum, neglecting his first wife and trying to kill his most famous creation. It is a clever idea which enables Ashton to explore a number of themes and link them into a substant data. coherent drama. At the heart of the piece is the darker side of Doyle's life, here resurrected through a medium (Cathryn Harrison). Given Doyle's interest in spiritualism, it is a plausible device, Ashton also looks at the curious relationship between a writer and a fictional character who threatens to take him over, raising the notion of Holmes as a substitute son. Despite occasional obscurities, this is a strong addition to an intriguing series. (Ceefax) (116349)

10.15 Video Diarles: The Man Who Loves Gary Lineke CHOICE: Dr Ylli Hasani is a rural GP in Albania who earns so little he cannot afford even a bicycle to do his rounds. So he has to walk up to 15 miles a day to see his patients. On top of that his consulting room is vandalised and his medical bag stolen. He is sustained through these tribulations by listening to the BBC World Service (which, until the communist regime was overthrown, was a lailable offence) and by following English football. His film is partly a portrait of his bleak and impoverished land and parity a record of his frustrated attempts to leave the country and work in the West. He does eventually make it to Britain, to edit this film, visit "my dear World Service", watch Liverpool play Manchester United and lay in wait for his hero, Gary Lineker. The BBC camera, by the way, costs as much as Dr Hasanı will earn in ten years (1711417)

11.20 Film: Agnes of God (1985). Literate and strongly-acted version of

John Pielmeler's award-winning play. When the body of a new-born baby is found in a convent, a psychiatrist (Jane Fonda) is summoned to examine the prime suspect, a seemingly innocent novice. With Anne Bancroft and Meg Tilly. Directed by Norman Jewison (s) (380894). Ends at 1.00em

6.00 TV-am (1912310) 9.25 Film: The Leftovers (1986). John Denver stars in this amiable Disney adventure in which the director and staff of an orphanage try to fend off property developers. Directed by Paul Schneider (55010368)

11.10 The Smurfs. Cartoon fun (r) (1759900) 11.30 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams. The conclusion of a twopart story starring Dan Haggerty as the trapper who comes to the aid of a lost girl (7981) 12.00 The ITV Chart Show. Featuring kide Works with their hit "Love is

a Wonderful Colour" (s) (46788) 1.00 ITN News and weather (72277726) 1.05 LWT News (72276097) 1.10 Starting from Scratch, Comedy about a small-town vet. James temporarily employs Helen as his assistant (82336639)
 1.35 Film: McCloud — The New Mexican Connection (1972). Police

drama starring Dennis Weaver as the cowboy marshal. McCloud is the target of a television campaign against police brutality. Co-starring Sharon Gless of Cagney and Lacey (r) (5910813) 3.00 Matlock. Legal drama series starring Andy Griffith (1617436) 3.55 WCW Wrestling from the United States (6243900)

4.40 ITN News and sports results, Weather (5696962) 5.00 LWT News and sport (5932558) 5.05 Cartoon Time (9883558)
5.15 The A-Team: Labour Pains. George Peppard stars as the leader of a band of Vietnam war heroes (r) (2234436)
6.10 Catchphrase. Roy Walker presents the high-tech quiz show. (Ceefax) (175639)

6.40 The Upper Hand: Who's Who. Joe McGann and Diana Weston

star in this role-reversal comedy about a former footballer who keeps house for a famale executive. Caroline and Charlie's social lives improve following a case of mistaken identities (r) (828829)
7.10 Autumn Preview. A look ahead to ITV's programmes for the coming season (771252) 7.15 Film: The Man with One Red Shoe (1985). Far-fetched spy spoof

starring Tom Hanks as an unsuspecting concert violinist whom the CIA choose at random as the pawn in a power struggle. With Lori Singer, Dabney Coleman and Carrie Fisher. Directed by Stan Dragoti. (Oracle) (99016962)



Putting out another fire: the Blue Watch in action (8.50pm)

8.50 London's Burning. A re-edited version of the last two episodes from the fire-fighting drama. A warehouse fire threatens the lives of Blue Watch. Starring Ross Boatman, James Hazeldine and Samantha Beckinsale (r). (Oracle) (3750184)
10.20 ITN News with Edward Stourton. Weather (661542)
10.40 Phil Cool. The man of many faces is joined by Chris Emmett, John Glover and Sophle Thompson for the last in the series of comedy, impressions and sketches (s) (867691)
11.10 Wax Acts. The cornectienne Ruby Wax brings her one-woman show to television and sings and dances her way through her bizarre life story (s) (131252)
12.10am Spitting Back. The last in the series of compilations of sketches from the latex look-alikes. (Oracle) (2946450)
12.40 The Big E. Magazine show for and about Europeans (s) (9002189)
1.40 Budo Sal. The final programme in the martial arts series (8504924)
2.10 Rhythim "n' Raag. The Asian music show features Nawazish and Shabnum, Johar Ali Khan and PMC (7149127)
2.40 New Music. Celebrity interviews and pop videos (9974301)

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3.40 New Music from the Bridge with Eiton John (s) (20621030)
4.05 Indy Car Racing. Highlights of the 1991 Molson Indy in Vancouver, Canada (1712769)
5.00 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan

report on the latest sounds on the club scene (s) (35108) 5.30 ITN Morning News (66905). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Cartoon adventures (r) (4852417) 6.25 Eureeka's Castle. For under-fives (r) (60117267 6.55 Once Upon a Time . . . Life (r) (5199165) 7.25 Blood Sweat and Glory (s) (5075349) 7.55 Trans World Sport (9568523) 9.00 News (6630981) 9.15 Racing: The Morning Line (5769639) 10.00 Out of Sight. Last in the series exploring the treatment of disabled people in Britain earlier this century (r) (89078) 10.30 Australian Rules Football. Antipodean sport (74726) 11.30 Quizbowl introduced by Will Buckley. The sports journalists of The Daily Telegraph take on those of The Observer (r) (s) (5523) 12.00 Teletoons. Magazine programme about animation (r) (5452726) 1.05 Film: Little Women (1933, b/w). George Cukor's award-winning adaptation of Louisa May Akott's famous novel about four sisters

adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's famous novel about four sisters growing up in pre-civil war America, Starring Katharine Hepbum and Joan Bennett (98908097)

and Joan Bennett (98908097)
3.15 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces the line-up: 3.30 Philip Cornes Nickel Alloys Nursery Handicap; 3.50 Danepak Bacon Stakes Handicap; 4.20 Freemason Lodge Handicap; 4.50 Ladbroke Handicap (81902523)

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5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s) (6111504)
6.30 The Big 8. The knockout tournament to find Britain's best wheelchair basketball team. (Teletext) (s) (542)
7.00 The World This Week. Includes an interview with Todor Khwkov, the former communist leader of Bulgaria (8349)
8.00 Kingdom of the Plains. A Sunival film about the efforts of Kenyans to prevent the wanton destruction by poachers of elephants in Tsavo national park (r) (Teletext) (7097)



Courtroom drama: Cynthia McFadden presents (9.00pm)

9.00 Court TV: America on Triel. Cynthla McFadden Introduces a new series of real-life American courtroom dramas (s) (7233) 10.00 Let the Blood Run Free

 CHOICE: The second imported hospital comedy on Channel 4 in two days comes from Australia and, like the American Nurses, charts the goings-on among overworked, incompetent and variously neurotic medics. The style, however, is quite different. While Nurses is sustained by a relentless flow of one-liners, Let the Blood Run Free depends on an anarchic disregard for all normal Blood Run Free depends on an anarchic disregard for all hormal taste and sensibility. The characters are not just types, they are roaring cancatures, with names such as Doctor Lovechild and Matron Conniving-Bitch, Insults fly, violence erupts and blood is everywhere. As a gimmick each show ends with a diff-hanger, almost literally in tonight's Instalment. Written and performed by a young, energetic team it is often very funny in a crude sort of way, reminiscent of our own The Young Ones. (Teletext) (10829) 10.30 Film: Ju Dou (1990)

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● CHOICE: One of the most distinguished films to come out of modern China, Ju Dou had its world premiere at the 1990 Cannes festival and was nominated for an Oscar. The acclaim has not spread to China itself, where the film was banned by the government. It is the work of the director Zhang Yimou, previously known in the West for Red Sorghum, and is set in a country town in the 1920s. Ju Dou is the young third wife of an elderly dive manufacturer, whose brutality drives her into an affair with his adopted nephew. Zhang has said that the film is about people who try to challenge their fate, only to find that their fate is tragic. One Western critic saw echoes of Oedipus Rex, another of The Postman Always Rings Twice, But if the theme is universal, the treatment is Always Rings Twice. But if the theme is universal, the treatment is individual, with a powerful visual sense and vivid use of colour (s)

(82666417)

12.15am Film: The Ghost Brankers (1940, b/w). Excellent cornedy horror with Bob Hope and Paulette Goddard battling against ghosts, zombies and crooks in a haunted castle. Directed by George Marshall (731276)

1.50 The Twillight Zone. A man longs for his lost youth with such intensity that he becomes a boy again (6346585). Ends at 2.45

SATELLITE SKY ONE

& Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.00mm Danger Bay (93784) 6.30 Film: Bephant Boy (12320) 7.00 Fun Factory Bephant Boy (12320) 7.00 Fun Factory (7519981) 12.00 Beyond 2000 (91.52) 1.00pm Revide (7900) 2.00 Big 11:52) 1.00pm Revide (7900) 2.00 Big 11:52) 1.00pm Revide (7900) 2.00 Big 14:84 (17829) 3.00 Monkey (10813) 4.00 Iron Horse (99320) 5.00 WWF (9145) 6.00 TJ, Hooler (97336) 7.00 Booker (49813) 8.00 Ursolved Mysteries (25/233) 9.00 Cops I (95504) 9.30 Cops II (92981) 10.00 Wrestling (48184) 11.00 The Untouchables (48287) 12.00 Pages from Skytexi SKY NEWS

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites News on the hour. 6.00am News (4932900) 9.30 Nightine (38523) 10.30 Our World (77184) 11.00

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SKY MOVIES+

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satelities 8.00 Flight From Ashiya (1964): Pilots attempt a rescue over the Pacific (28981) 10.00 Unde (1987): An old man and boy come to terms with death (83233) 12.00 Never Say Goodbys (1987): A grt

fights to save grandmother (86320) 1.00pm Tattle (1990): A mendship is destroyed by drugs (79928) 2.00 The Gods Must Be Creay II (1990) More adventures as an African rescues his children from kidnappers (39436)
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11.30 Emmanuelle 2 (1975): Sylvia Kristel in Bangkok (81423)
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2.25 Night of the Living Dead (1968). Zombies sage a ferminouse (530856)
4.03 House Party (1990): Two boys organise a party in a parent's house [781214). Ends at 6.00am

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satalities 8.15am A Wild Affair (1965). An office party goes out of control (917900) 8.15 Appointment with Danger (1949). biwi; A nun becomes the target when she witnesses a crime (252356) 10.15 An American in Parks (1951); Gene 10.15 An American in Paris (1951); Gene Kelly plays an artist (357900); 12.15pm The Man Who Could Cheet Death (1959); A sculptor finds a way to protong life (373542); 2.15 Dark Victory (1939, 5/w). Bette Davis finds she is dying of a oran tumour (350078); 4.15 Camnon for Cordobo 1970; The bandit faces the US Army (256436). 6.15 The Black Stallion (1979); A boy and a horse are shipwrecked of Africa (269900). 8.15 Flight of the Intruder (1991). Daviny, Glover Commands a US camer (538542). 10.15 Buried Allive (1990). A write this to marker her husband (491829).

matter the historical was easily 11.50 Taranthala (1955): A gaint saider goes on the rampage (41.1542) 1.15pm The Wolf Man (1941, b/w) Lon Chane) is the werewolf (6460382) Chane), It is the werevoid (6460382) 2.30 Deadly Desire (1991) lack Scalla connect by a beautiful housewife (40195) 4.05 Network (1976) Peter Finch has a part in broadcasting (789856). Ends at 6.00am THE COMEDY CHANNEL

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reature); Haydn (Symphony 83 in G minor, the Hen: Hanover Band under Roy Goodman), Shostakovich (Piano Concerto No 2 in F: Royal PO with Cristina Ortiz, piano, under Vladimir Ashkonani)

9.00 News 9.05 Record Release with Richard Osborne, Rosany (String Sonata No 1 in G: Members of the Orchestra of the Age of

Enlightenment); Sir John Betjeman recites his poems with accompaniment devised and conducted by Jim Parker,

and conducted by Jim Parker;
Amold (Cornedy Overture,
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under the Composer); Haydn
(Oratona, The Seven Last
Words of Our Saviour on the
Cross, excerpt: Soloists, Amold
Schoenberg Choir with Vienna
Concentus Musicus under
Nikolaus Hamoncourt); Weber
(Piano Sonata No 1 in C
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Hamish Milne, piano); Bruckner (Symphony No 7 m £: Cleveland Orchestra under

performs Britten (Sinfonietta, Op 1); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 12 in A. K414), Takemitsu

(Nostalghia); Haydn (Symphony No 80 in D mirror)

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Smetana (String Quartet No 2 in D minor), Janáček (String

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under Tamas Väsary, piano,
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Pieces): Prokofiev (Sonata No 4 in C. minor, from Old Notebooks)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests
5.45 Third Opinion in Edinburgh
The weekly arts programme begins a new season with an edition from the Edinburgh international Festival
6.30 Susan Kessier: Roger
Vignoles, piano, pays tribute to the mezzo-soprano who died on March 11, 1992.

to the mezzo-soprano who died on March 11, 1992. Schubert (Auf dem See, Memnon, Die Sterne, Suleikæs erste Gesang, Dem Unendlichen, Gestliche Luedert, Ravel (Deux mélodies hébraïques); John Maxwell Geddes (Lassies, Love and Life, first broadcast)
7.30 Proms 1992 live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC Welsh SO with Jean-Yves Thibaudet, prano, Richard

Thibaudet, piano, Richard Stolzman, darinet, under

Stotman, darinet, under Radaaki Otaki performs Stravinsky (Fireworks); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor) 8.20 The Romance of the Road Alan Booth, famous for a 2,000 mile walk through Japan, talks about a new walk 8.40 fakemissu (FantasmarCantock)

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second of two programmes of church music from the most important sunving English manuscript of the early 15th century performed by the Orlando Consort

Stravnsky (Suite, The Firebird, 1919 version)

9.35 Ulysses by James Joyce read by Norman Rodway

10.05 Old Hall Manuscript: Daniel Leech Wilkinson presents the second of two presents are

Orlando Consort

10.40 American Piano Music
played by David Home. Ned
Rorem (Song and Dance); John
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Ostinato); Copland (Piano
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7.45 Thought for the Day with
Canon Paul Bates
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4 with Bryon Butler
9.30 Breakaway: Pete McCarthy
escapes from the Festival in
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10.00 On the Hour: Christopher
Momis is joined by Stuart Lee,
Richard Herning, Andrew
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10.30 Making Waves: Andy Martin
initiates Mal Pope into the
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11.00 Talking Politics: 2002: Vivian White embarics upon an odyssey into the future. What issues and arguments will dominate the political agendaten years from now?

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent

12.00 Out of African Sides Clive Langmead flies with the pilots of the Mission Aviation Fellowshup who provide a

Fellowship who provide a lifeline for hospitals and aid workers in remote and

dangerous outposts around 12.25pm The News Quiz: Chairman Barry Took returns with team captains Richard ingrams and Alan Coren and their guests

1.00 News 1.10 Call to Account: The Water Companies (r)
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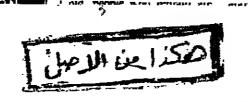
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: A
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the opening credits of Shaun
Prendergast's music-bedecked
play about a ducking and
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composer Robert Saxton and singer Teresa Cahill (s)
7.50 Classic Serial: Miss Marjoribanks by Margaret Oliphant. 3: Lucila's Lucil 8.50 Beyond Belief Ludovic Kennedy talks to Lord Rees-Mogg (r)
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5.00 A Year in Harness
Continuing the story of a year 79.5

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Continuing the story of a year on Paul Heiney's traditional Suffolk farm
5.25 Fourth Column 6.00 News 6.25 When Harry Met Ally (r) 6.50 SOS Matthew Panis talks to SENCIES

7.20 Kalaidoscope Nick Baker talks to couples within the arts, including withers Margaret Drabble and Michael Holroyd.

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10.15 The Gardening Quitz (r) (s)
10.40 Sitting Targets Tony
Robinson presents the history
of humour in British politics (s)
11.00 Tingle Factor. Jeremy
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



When he was four, James Tuckey and his family lived under a scrap of canvas tied to a Land Rover on a Rhodesian tobacco plantation. Now 46. he is chief executive of MEPC, Britain's second-biggest property developer, in the middle of a property slump. His early life has fitted him well for the current difficulties, colleagues say ... Page 19

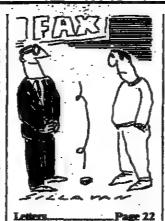


Clean break

Divorcing couples should split the total value of their oint pension rights and make a clean break, according to proposals made this week by the National Association of Pension Funds Page 23

Rising sun

The Japanese stock market has risen 25 per cent in nine days as details have spilt out of the government's rescue for the financial system. Yesterday the cabinet approved the



Own home

Carol Drury is looking for-ward to moving out of her cramped caravan and into the four-bedroomed home that she and her husband Simon have built from scratch. The Drurys are two of a growing number of people prepared to suffer the initial discomforts involved in building their own homes because of the subsequent benefits they will enjoy. Fellow self-builders, the Pynes, calculate that their £130,000 house would cost them about £200,000



Complaining

Pension fund administrators are blamed for poor commu-nication with fund members for a number of the complaints received by the pen-sions ombudsman in his first

Foundations

The National Self Build Homes Show is hoping to attract 40,000 visitors next month, against the 34,486 that attended last year. A selfbuild trade association warns against cowboys Page 21



Bond boost

The conventional wisdom of the 1980s that the stock market was the best place to invest has been turned on its head in the 1990s. Returns from bonds are looking more

Lloyd's council wins victory in names' poll

By Jonathan Prynn, insurance correspondent

LLOYD'S of London yes-terday celebrated a resounding victory in a poll of names on a motion of confidence in the insurance market's rul-

There was an 80 per cent majority for the key motion, expressing confidence in the current council subject to continuation of efforts to reform the market and raise funds to relieve the hardship of dis-

The vote was hailed as a breakthrough in the bitter two-year struggle with several thousand loss-making names, most of whom are threatening legal action. The ballot followed an extraordinary meet-

much on reinsurance, broker-

age and administration to

world insurance market, ac-

cording to Chatset, an inde-

£1.37 billion in fees to brokers

and incurred expenses of £768

million - in all, 39 per cent of

the Lloyd's market's £5.49

billion net premiums for the

year. In 1991, the percentage

fell to 37 per cent of £6.63

John Rew, a director of

Chatset, said that was still too

high compared with the 28

per cent expense ratio of the

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Bank of England official close (4pm)

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Exchange index

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debated five motions, four of which were critical of the market and its management. Those four were opposed by the council, and all were

David Coleridge, the outgo-ing chairman of Lloyd's, announced the results of the poll yesterday afternoon on the floor of the underwriting room. His statement was greeted with applause from underwriters and brokers. Before he delivered it, the Lutine bell at the centre of the room was rung twice.

Mr Coleridge told The Times afterwards: "We have often had to turn the other cheek while the vociferous

Charles Sturge, Chatset's

should be cut by at least 10 per

cent, with most savings com-

ing from reduced fees to

brokers. He criticised the 10

per cent brokerage charged for

syndicate reinsurance, saying:

That is an area where brokers

Mr Sturge said: "If Lloyd's

could work for substantially

cannot get its expenses down, it will make a profit in good

years but will not offset losses in bad ones." He added: "Lloyd's is scared stiff of

upsetting the brokers, but how

else do you get the costs

Chatset believes Lloyd's will

down?

Level of market

costs criticised

By Patricia Tehan

LLOYD'S is spending too top 20 American reinsurance

jority has commented for the first time and what a resounding comment it was." Mr Coleridge said he was surprised by the size of the vote in favour of the confidence motion and delighted by the 72 per cent participation in the vote. About 23,000 of the 33,000 members eligible returned unlid belief papers. turned valid ballot papers.

However, senior Lloyd's figures were left wondering how to interpret the closer votes on the four other motions proposed by the EGM Initiative, the body representing dissi-dent names that requisitioned last month's meeting. Mr Coleridge said he was not surprised by the substantial minority votes in favour of the dissidents' motions as they were all "good motherhood

requests.

The highest vote in favour of any of the four dissidents. motions was for one calling on current and future council members to disclose, publicly and fully, all their interests in businesses related to Lloyd's. The motion was rejected by 57 per cent to 43 per cent. Lloyd's register of council members interests will be introduced next year. Another motion, calling for the reversal of a E500 million levy imposed on

the membership, was rejected by 64 per cent of those voting. Richard Astor, legal adviser to the EGM Initiative, said be was "pretty encouraged by the results" and warned Lloyd's that a second EGM and new motions for ballot could follow if the council refused to cooperate with groups representing dissident names. "Our first move will be to hold out the hand of constructive dis-

Motions at a second EGM would demand an independent chairman appointed by the Governor of the Bank of England; outlawing of the use by names of bank guarantees on principal residences as Lloyd's deposits; and repeal of the section of the Lloyd's Act that protects Lloyd's and its officers from liability for damages. Initiatives to requisition a second EGM are likely to be strongly, resisted within

Lloyd's because of the time

they offer their own back."

and cost involved. Mr Astor said that as about funds held to premiums.

In June, when Lloyd's revealed plans for a £500 million 6.000 of the votes were from working names and their families and could therefore be discounted, the EGM Initiative had "tied two and won two" of its motions.

The Association of Lloyd's Members, which sponsored the motion of qualified confidence in the council, said it was "very pleased" by the result. It claimed: "This is in no way a vote for the establishment. It is a vote for changes that are vital for the future prosperity of Lloyd's."



Survey backs up bleak economic forecast by CBI

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

THE economy will be stuck in recession well into next year, with no significant upturn until the second half, assuming interest rates do not rise. predicts the Confederation of British Industry.

The bleak prognosis was made at the end of a week of currency market turbulence that kept the pound under pressure and fuelled fears of a

monetary tightening in de-fence of sterling.

The Bank of England stabilised the pound on Wed-nesday with strong interven-tion backed by a government tion, backed by a government pledge to keep the pound squarely in the exchange-rate

mechanism. The Bank of Italy was still intervening to defend the lira yesterday, while the Dutch central bank raised one of its key rates to shore up the

At the London close, sterling was slightly less than a pien-nig from its absolute ERM floor of DM2.7874, about half a pfennig down on Thursday, having been close to DM2.7900 for much of the

The CB! forecast, released after the market closed, was accompanied by a disturbing monthly industrial trends survey for August. This indicated that manufacturers expect outnit to tall with the end of the year.

The CBI survey, conducted between July 28 and August 12, showed 27 per cent of respondents anticipating a fall in output, against 15 per cent expecting an increase. The balance of minus 12 per cent was the weakest since May 1991. Last month, the balance stood at minus 3 per cent.

Order books have also weakened over the past three months. Export orders improved in the last month, but remained weaker than at the start of the summer. More firms now expect to have to cut their prices over the next four months than to raise them.

Against this background, the CBJ savagely cut its growth forecast. The output measure of gross domestic product is now expected to contract by 1 per cent this year instead of the 0.9 per cent growth the CBI had expected in May.

Next year, gdp is forecast to expand by 0.7 per cent, a quarter of the growth rate previously predicted. The economy will still be shrinking in the first three months of next year before frail growth appears in the second quarter.

But CBI economists, whose forecast assumes that the base rate will be cut to 9.5 per cent in the second quarter of next year, gave warning that recovery would be further delayed if interest rates increase.

They calculate that every percentage point added to the base rate would shave 0.2 percentage points off gdp. The other risks are identified as further weakening in housing and insufficient growth in export markets.

The CBI said its latest assessment reflects the continued weakness in consumer spending, worsening output expectations, tight monetary ev, the high savu and flat world trade.

The annual rise in factory gate prices is forecast to slow to 1.3 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1993 from 2.5 per cent in the final quarter this

Retail price inflation is predicted to slow to an annual 2.1 per cent from 3.4 per cent over

the same period.

Job losses will continue to rise during the year to about 2.8 million, reaching a peak of about 3 million by the end of

cussion to Lloyd's and hope

find it difficult to pass the trade department's solvency tests this month. Mr Rew said Lloyd's had to find £1 billion from underwriting names to pass the tests. Chatset estimates that Lloyd's has outstanding liabilities of £5.5 billion, compared with 64.5

Part of the shortfall. Mr Rew said, had been caused by a Lloyd's decision to increase names" "fail safe" deposit from 7.5 per cent to 15 per cent, to bring it into line with insurance companies. These must maintain a 16 per cent ratio of

billion of assets.

New York Dow Jones levy on names, it said the cash would provide "a substantial margin of solvency". MISTER

Despite the gloomy outlook for the next two years, Chatset believes that conditions are improving. Its figures indicate that cash calls on names have totalled £273 million for the. 1990 and 1991 years of account so far, compared with £371 million, this time last year, for 1989.

Barclays seeks more time to give OFT details on charges

By SARA McConnell

BARCLAYS, the biggest processor of plastic debit and credit card payments, has written to the Office of Fair Trading asking for more time to supply detailed technical information about the prices it charges retailers for handling and invisions

The OFT asked for the details two weeks ago as part of a continuing investigation into the processing of card transactions. This follows complaints in April by Tesco, Gateway, J. Sainsbury, Safeway and Asda, five leading retailers, that banks were acting together by putting up

charges.
Information given by the banks and the retailers to the OFT will be used by Sir Bryan Carsberg, the director general to decide if the matter should be referred to the Monopolies

and Mergers Commission. Barclays, which processes nearly half of all credit and debit card transactions, told the OFT this week that the information it required wasn't readily available in the form needed".

A Bardays spokeswoman said: "We are working on it now. We will have to run the necessary statistics through our computer." The OFT needed details of the costs of handling transctions and the revenue such transctions brought in, she added. National Westminster.

which has about 25 per cent of the card processing market, is understood to have given the OFT the information it requested. Midland declined to comment on whether it had replied to the OFT's letter.

increase in the interchange fee, paid by the bank handling the retailer's transaction to the bank holding the cost of the account. The fee is meant to cover administration and marketing costs and an element for fraud.

The banks deny that they are operating a pricing cartel and say that they negotiate with each retailer individually. They also say they have held prices down for the past three years. The increases imposed in April add about 6p to the price of processing a £40 credit card transaction.

Some retailers are said to want to become merchant acquirers so that they can process their own transactions. This would require a change in the rules of Visa Interna tional and Mastercard Inter-

Richmond, an American

London. It has not yet made a profit and the shares, offered

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Indians' legal arrows strike Richmond oil deal ing an exceptional write-off of £37.13 million against the Richmond Ranch property. The auditors' report will be

By MARTIN BARROW

RICHMOND OIL and Gas has smoked the pipes of peace with the Ute indians of Colorado. But not before a dispute with them on property rights nearty scuppered a crucial deal, depriving the company of urgently needed funds and forcing creditors to foreclose on assets that usually contrib-

ute 90 per cent of revenue. The company thought it was home and and dry with a \$20 million deal to sell its interests in the San Juan coalbed methane properties. But appearances proved deceptive and by the financial year-end only \$12.6 million had been received, insuffi-



cient to resolve Richmond's funding difficulties.

A lawsuit filed by the indians against 120 oil and gas operators in Colorado, including Richmond, made it impossible to close the deal. Under

the indians were given the rights to coal on their land. The tribe said that, because the methane gas came from within the coal, it was theirs. Richmond said the claim was

but was obliged to negotiate an undisclosed settlement. The \$7.4 million shortfall company that came to the stock market in 1989 with a aggravated a financial crisis caused by lower gas produc-tion and prices, leaving Rich-mond unable to meet interest poorty received public sale, must rank as one of the least successful flotations seen in

made after several years of coalhed methane production.

and principal payments due on March 31. Efforts to refinance debts secured on the Richmond Ranch, a property in Texas, failed and creditors foreclosed on the

interest in June. Richmond gave details of the Colorado dispute yesterday after announcing net losses of £44 million for the year to te end-March, includ-

But the company came back to the market barely 15 months after flotation with a 631 million rights issue that flopped. The Serious Fraud Office is investigating share dealings around the time of the rights issue.

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Tokyo rescue plan unleashes surge in yen and shares

JAPAN'S cabinet adopted a Y 10 trillion (\$80 billion) economic bail-out plan, sending the Nikkei stock average above 18,000 for the first time since early June. The average closed at 17,970, 415 higher, after the heaviest trading seen so far this year. It has risen by 3,661.38 points, or more than 25 per cent, in the past ten

The yen also surged, sending the dollar down. The US currency closed at 123.60 yen in Tokyo and at 124.77 yen in New York. Tokyo dealers said that although the govern-ment's action was belated it had averted financial collapse.

Economists say that the plan is long-term and its effects might not be felt until the new fiscal year starts next April. So they still expect the Bank of Japan to cut interest rates, especially as money sup-ply is growing very slowly and

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industrial production has fall-They criticised the plan, which is likely to be funded from postal savings and construction bonds, for not stimulating consumer spending.

The rescue package, larger than the \$48 billion wheeled out in 1987 after the global market crash, intends to make public works an engine of economic growth and could ultimately add a percentage point a year to economic rowth. GNP is expected bareto top 2 per cent in the present year and perhaps to

reach 2.5 per cent next year. This is likely to keep Japan's trade surplus at record highs as companies turn to overseas Europe and America will be worned especially since Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, set a target of 3.5 per cent growth earlier this year to help

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The economy is "in a serious situation, characterised by a fall-off of the real economy and concern about the financial system due to a fall in asset prices", the ruling Liberal Democrats said. The Japanese government has denied for the past two years that the slowdown engineered to cool an overheated economy had spiralled out of control

The rescue package includes about \$69 billion of public spending, \$9.7 billion in loans billion in capital investment loans, tax and lending breaks and new rules allowing public funds to invest in stocks.

The most significant part of the strategy is a proposal, announced last week, to set up a corporation that would rescue ailing banks from bad debts, reckoned to total anything between \$79 billion and \$550 billion. The corporation will buy property used as collateral for bad debt.

The assets of Japan's banks and corporations include large amounts of real estate, which supports their stock market prices. Stock and real estate prices plummeted together in the past two years. Now it is expected that banks will begin lending again by the end of

Business leaders praised the package. "I appreciate the effort the government has made in putting together comprehensive drastic measures," said Gaishi Hiraiwa, chairman of Keidanren, Japan's

biggest business group.

But many analysts expressed concern that the economy was being artificially primed in an echo of the protected market practices that Japanese leaders have said they were outgrowing. The bail-out plan is similar to the American rescue of the savings and loan industry but



Leaving the helm: Norman Corlett plans to keep his shares after his early retirement

Isle of Man ferry chief quits

BY COLIN CAMPBRIL

"disposed to make a bid", was

One of Mr Corlett's last

but, because of additional

Isle of Man Steam Packet is

holding its interim dividend at

3p, though that is not covered

by net interim earnings of

2.5p a share. The shares fell

12p to 168p. There were ex-

ceptional charges of

£145,000. The company said

NORMAN Corlett has resigned as chairman of the Isle currently "neutral". of Man Steam Packet Cornpany. The Manx ferry con-cern, in which Sea Containers executive acts was to announce results for the six months to holds a 41 per cent stake, said June 30. Turnover rose from £10.9 million to £11.3 million he had brought forward his retirement because of a family charges, pre-tax profits fell from £821,000 to £360,000.

His replacement would be announced shortly, the com-pany said. Mr Corlett intended to retain his 2.5 per cent equity stake for the immediate future. The relationship be-tween the company and Sea Containers, which said in August last year that it was

they related to severance pay ments, higher depreciation charges after £1 million of investments in passenger ships, and costs of overhauling

one of the shins. The first half is traditionally less profitable than the second and Isle of Man Steam Packet aims to develop the business away from total reliance on Isle of Man operations. It is ments for the existing fleet.

The board said it was confident that the company would continue to perform well

Age discrimination costs Amex \$35m

FROM PHILLIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

crimination in staffing one of its financial services divisions has cost American Express \$35 million. Thirty-two former divisional managers of IDS Financial Service in America, who brought a lawsuit over the policy, will share

The lawsuit, which was brought three years ago, alleged that after American Express took over IDS in 1984, managers aged over 40 were replaced by younger, less experienced employees in vio-lation of the federal Age Discrimination in Employportunity Commission moved in to support the managers and will continue to monitor

retired or resigned. An 1DS spokesman said it settled to avoid further costs. A lawyer for the managers said they were pleased with the decision, which does not give them the right to reclaim their jobs. Eight still work for the

SA bank may make offer for Ansbacher

FIRST National Bank of Southern Africa is understood to be considering making an offer for Henry Ansbacher Holdings, the merchant bank, which yesterday ronfirmed it had ended similar discussions with its UK rival, Singer and Priedlander. John Hodson, the chief executive of Singer, said the talks broke down because "we just could not agree on a basis on

Singer had been in talks with Anshacher's two biggest shareholders, Pargesa and Groupe Bruxelles Lambert, which together hold 62 per cent: First National, South Africa's second-biggest bank, has been negotiating for several weeks and both sides are believed to be optimistic. Ansbacher efficielly refused to near the new persons and partial code. officially refused to name its new partner and would only confirm it was in "advanced discussions with a third party".

Continuous goes private

CONTINUOUS Stationery will discontinue its stock exchange listing. The board has received a management buyout proposal and recommends shareholders accept a 40p cash offer, valuing the group at £6.8 million. The group owns Promagnint, the print and copy franchise network, and Carwin, distributor of business forms, and says the recession has meant difficult trading and a weak share price. The price makes it impracticable to continue a policy of growth by acquisition. The price was 23p in February and 34p before yesterday's aunouncement after which it rose to 38p.

Scottish Heritable loss

SCOTTISH Heritable Trust, a troubled mini-conglomerate has failed to meet debt reduction targets set by banks as part of an interest standstill agreement that expires in December. The company reported pre-tax losses of £2.86 million for the six months to June 30, down from £3.15 million last time. There is again no interim dividend. Tumover fell from £38.44 million to £22.8 million as a result of disposals, the most significant being Standard Fireworks, which was sold to a management team for £27 million in May. The company said trading was unlikely to recover in the second half.

British-Borneo buys

BRITISH-Borneo Petroleum Syndicate, the oil and gas production and investment company, has conditionally agreed to acquire Mobil Corpn's 10 per cent interest in the Victor gas field in the North Sea for about £21.4 million. British-Borneo said the price was subject to post-completion adjustments and would be made in cash. The deal is also conditional on government approval and on the partners in the gas field not exercising their pre-emption rights. Victor has remaining proven and probable reserves of about 450 billion cubic feet of gas.

Crown sells French arm

CROWN Communications Group, the radio company that owns LBC in London, is to sell its Brench radio subsidiary, RFM, for an undisclosed price. The disposal is subject to the approval of the French radio authority. RFM has 100 rock music stations throughout France. Crown invested more than £16 million in the network, but RFM has remained deep in the red, accounting for almost 50 per cent of Crown's pre-tax losses of £6.79 million. Crown proposes to concernate on its core business of LBC and another unidentified subsidiary. All other non-core businesses are for sale.

Ratner takes pay cut

GERALD Ratner took a 6.7 per cent pay cut last year from £615,953 to £574,452 as his jewellery group made a pre-tax loss of £122 million £112 million profit), says the company's annual report released yesterday. Mr Ratner has stepped down as executive chairman but continues as chief executive. The company abandoned a performance-related bonus scheme as trading conditions deteriorated. It is thought that this year Mr Ratner will be paid about £375,000. The group will close 325 shops in Britain and America over the next three years with the likely loss of more than 1,000 jobs.

Belling creditors wait

SECURED and preferential creditors of Belling, the failed cooker maker are likely to be paid in full, Paul Jeffrey, joint administrative receiver, said. The company has debts estimated at more than £28 million, including £4.3 million owed to Midland Bank, £2.4 million to preferential creditors and the balance to trade and other creditors. Mr Jeffery, of KPMG Pest Marwick, the accountant, said it was too early to estimate how much unsecured creditors would receive.

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Nissan to cut staff after loss warning

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN TOKYO

Japan's second-biggest carmaker, yesterday gave warning of its first loss since 1951 and said it would cut its workforce by 4,000 over the next three years. Nissan has revised its finan-

cial forecast because of poor demand and now expects a net loss of 20 billion yen (£81 million) for the present fiscal year. It had previously forecast a Y40 billion net profit.

Chiyoko Sato, a spokeswo-man, said the staff cuts would be made mainly by attrition, limits on new hiring and transfers of workers to subsidiaries and affiliated com-

not been worked out. Nissan said the profit revision was necessary because of a drop in sales in Japan and abroad that was more severe

than expected. It said a quick recovery was unlikely.
This week, Toyota, Japan's largest car-maker, reported a 45 per cent fall in overall net profits in the year to end-June because of stalled sales.

In the year to end-March, Nissan had a net income of Y54.2 billion, down 31 per cent from a year earlier. It expects sales in fiscal 1992 of er estimate of Y4.3 trillion.

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the American Express policy at IDS for the next four year as part of the settlement. IDS maintains the managers were replaced for legitimate nondiscriminatory business reasons and that some voluntarily

Food retailers face prospect of a lean results season

JOHN Major may be de-lighted with progress in the battle against inflation. The men who run our leading food retailers can be forgiven for having mixed feelings.

They are entering what

could be a long period of exces of their products. More than ever they must look elsewhere, to cost-cutting, higher productivity and physical expansion to deliver the profit increases their share-holders have come to expect. The theme is likely to

dominate the forthcoming results season for Britain's food retailers, which kicks off with Iceland, the frozen foods specialist, next week and peaks in November when J. Sainsbury, Argyll and Kwik-Save report. Last month, seasonal food

prices fell sharply, by almost 10 per cent. Due to oversupply, falling commodity prices and a fiercely competitive mood in the market, cuts in some fresh produce prices were far greater. These factors have yet to show through in reported profits. But they will, for these days the shopper has the whip hand and will not buy if stores fail to reflect lower costs in their prices. It is too early to know whether the July downturn in fresh food prices continped over the summer and will go on into the autumn. Chances are it has and it will

This means food price in-

flation may be no more than

3 per cent this year — last seen in 1987. It will certainly fall far short of last year's 5.2 per cent, the 5.7 per cent average for the 1980s and the 14 per cent average of the high inflation 1970s.

Sales volumes are also under pressure, with July showing a slight drop against June, itself another month of falling volumes. It is thus hardly surprising that the leading store groups are full of special offers, discounts and promotions. In the 12 months to end-July, food sale volumes grew by just 0.5 per cent. Near static prices and falling volumes are the stuff of retail nightmares. There is little in the economic munbers to warm the hearts of shareholders. Investors may cool towards the sector before the results season.

Shares outperformed

FOOD retailing has performed according to the script this year. Traditionally a safe haven in recessions, the sector, dominated by J. Sainsbury. Tesco and Argyll, lived up to expectations, compensating for a dismal 1991, which was marred by stories of price wars, rights issues and fears the recession was so severe even food groups would suffer. This year, the FTA all share index has shed



retailers have gained a simi-lar amount. This performance would have been been more impressive but for cases such as Albert Fisher, whose shares have roughly halved since it became clear a management re-think is essential. Asda, too, has been hit, but is recovering under Archie Norman.

Whether the sector can consolidate and build on the outperformance depends not. so much on the results as on prospects. There are grounds

for optimism but mostly among the leaders. Sainsbury, Tesco and Argyll, which runs the Safeway chain, benefit more than their smaller rivals from the economics of substantial store openings. Superstores enable their owners to squeeze more profit from static or slowly growing volumes. In state-of-theart stores, sales per sq ft tend to be greater, labour costs lower and net profits thus higher. The gainers are the

three leaders, which are also

bearing down on pay, a key cost element, and investing more than their rivals in new technology. Despite the dull economic background, therefore, the leaders can push carnings forward at a pace that justifies the outperformance of the shares.

Argyll ahead ARGYLL is top of most bro-

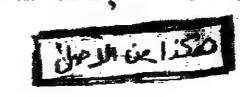
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management firmly estab-lished as the team that delivers what it promises. Safeway's like-for-like sales growth leads the industry and costs are well under con-trol. Argyll shares do not have the premium rating of Sainsbury and should continue to outperform the market unless sentiment towards the sector reverses sharply.

Some analysts have been advising clients to switch from Sainsbury to Argyil Few dispute that Sainsbury is the pace setter. But there is concern that November's first-half results may be depressed due to the poor volume and price trends. Sainsbury's premium rating may look unsustainable, especially if there is poor news from Homebase, the nonfood subsidiary, or if the weaker dollar hits Shaw, the American operation.

Tesco shares have been subdued this year, trailing the other two sector leaders. The reasons are not entirely clear. Analysts have been disappointed with like-for-like sales compared with its rivals and there are concerns that Tesco's customer profile may have been more vulnerable to the recession and unem-

ployment than others. But if Tesco may not be today's star, its day will come The store-building pro-gramme is huge and will propel earnings for years to come. The downside is surely



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BUSINESS PROFILE: James Tuckey

Man of property with an affinity for the land

The head of MEPC blends blue-chip credentials with the objectivity of an outsider,

as Carol Leonard discovered

utive of MEPC, the second-biggest property company in Britain, is 46 years old, has been in his present job for four years and has the world at his feet. In nine years' time, when he

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reaches the age of 55, he will, he predicts, have left the employ of MEPC — salary at present circa £200,000 - and as he ponders what he might do next he is perhaps unaware that this is a question also being posed by other people in the property world. Will be collect a knighthood, they muse, enter parliament or tackle another corporate

Next year, during one of the most difficult periods in its history. Tuckey will become president of the general council of the British Property enormous edifice with his Federation.

tial pressure group that represents the views of property owners. If it

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peers, to more or less the top of his chosen profession. He is also a director of Abbey National, an investment adviser to the BP pension fund and is a governor of the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, where he once studied to become a chartered surveyor.

Add to that the fact that he is an adviser, via the Duchy of Cornwall, to the Prince of Wales on matters of architecture and design, and the bluechip mixture is complete. "I am quite sympathetic to his views," says Tuckey, choosing

his words with care. Tuckey prides himself on taking particular interest in MEPC's developments. He harbours, he says, creative ideals. "I know the bottom line" is very important but I have seriously tried to improve the quality of the buildings we make. I'm very proud of a number of them." He cites Alban Gate, an office development in the City, and shop-ping centres in Tunbridge Wells and Learnington Spa, as

examples.

He refrains from saying. however, that those creative ideals will not be satisfied until MEPC can lay claim to a development of greater, perhaps national, significance. Harriet his wife of 18 years, reveals that at one stage he had hoped MEPC would win the controversial contract to redevelop the square adjacent to St Paul's Cathedral. "The real pleasure he gets from his job is not from power, status or prestige," she says. "If he could cause beautiful buildings to be built, that would give him far greater pleasure. Not some

name on it,

'I have tried to beautiful." Tuckey improve the quality of our buildings. I'm his trade body, he might be chief execu-tive of a very proud of a number of them' E750 million

he has risen, in the eyes of his firm, and he might admit that he would dearly like that firm. under his direction, to claim the number one slot from Land Securities in the league table of property giants, but he does not come across as a man driven by a single-minded desire to see his own name in lights. He is unerringly mod-est. At cocktail parties, if asked what his job is, he will either describe himself as a chartered surveyor or say that he works for a property firm.

His youthful appearance
and relaxed, personable man-

ner belie his competitive spirit and will to win. He might pop down to the pub if a long-serving member of staff is er than an hour. In fact, he admits he is naturally inclined to shun after-work drinking sessions, so that he can run the four miles home instead carrying papers he needs to



High rise: James Tuckey is about to reach the top of his profession as president of the British Property Federation

Tuckey admits that these

childhood experiences have

had a profound effect on him.

'One developed a sense of

independence quickly, an ap-

preciation of the outdoors and

a preference for an active

Far from longing for a more

conventional upbringing,

Tuckey talks as if he were especially privileged. We

learned how lucky were were

to have that amazing chance

"My parents were adventur-

ous, prepared to have a go and

enjoy themselves. We em-

ployed a huge labour force and one realised, at a young

rather than a reflective life."

work on that night in a rucksack on his back.

Tuckey gives the impression that, as a student, he always did the minimum amount of work necessary to scrape through, but impressions can be - and are - misleading His wife corrects that supposition, saying: "He does the minimum necessary to get by comfortably." One of his con-temporaries at Circucester once observed: "James always does the minimum of work necessary to come first."

Tuckey is undeniably bright but is, in some ways, undereducated. Conscious of what he perceives as a weak link, he habitually puts himself down. "My wife is much cleverer than me - it is a cross I have to bear," he quips at one point in the interview. He fails to mention that his reason for claiming this is because Harriet graduated from Essex University with a first class degree in literanum

"I have never had my intelligence tested, my academic ability stretched," he says. "If I had my time over again. I would definitely go to univer-sity. Yes, I do feel underwhen I eventually pack it all in, one of my options is to go and get myself educated. I would study architecture or history." Tuckey insists he has no interest in a political career, or

the nearest cinema and 25 another major business challenge. "I don't want to become miles from the nearest village. another King or Hanson," he My mother tried to teach me says. Instead he identifies his by correspondence course but other option as being to return it was a constant battle and so to the land, to bring his life full I was sent away to school, in southern Rhodesia, when I

An early affinity with farming and life outdoors was what prompted him to go to Cirencester. That affinity resulted from his parents' deci-sion, when Tuckey was four years old, to emigrate to Rhodesia, buy 5,000 virgin acres and turn them into a tobacco plantation. Tuckey's father, employed in the Sheffield steel industry, had decided post-war Britain had little to offer and persuaded his wife and three sons to exchange a rectory in Derbyshire for a canvas awning in an unknown land.

"It was an amazing experi-ence," Tuckey recalls. "For the first two years we camped beneath a piece of carryas tied at the side of our Land Rover. The first priority was to put up the farm buildings to allow the farm to operate. It was certainly a struggle. My father had to learn how to farm, and to farm

awning was replaced by a series of interconnecting mud huts and five years after that the mud was replaced with brick and thatch

"We were 100 miles from

club, I prefer mixed company," he says. Tuckey is gregarious, good-

humoured and attentive. He is also exceptionally good at dealing with people, be it socially or corporately. His wife says. "He is very good at saying nasty. unpalatable things in a nice way. He is good at organising people, bringing out the best in them and making things happen. Wherever we go people want him to get involved and help run things."

Tuckey admits that organis-ational drive can cause him to be bossy: "My wife would say ! was definitely bossy," he says - and colleagues say that if they had to identify one fault it would be that he finds it extremely difficult to admit his

MEPC, however, has made mistakes in the property crash of the 1990s, along with most other such firms, but it is faring better than most. In the six months to March, pre-tax profits fell to £58.6 million, from 567.4 million the previous year.

Its performance for the rest

humbling for

of the year is remain flat 'It has been very because MEPC -- as Tuckey puts everybody in the it — put its cranes away two and a business to admit years ago "and we that collectively are unlikely we got it wrong' to get them

age, that they were not as well

that, like his father, he would

be capable of upping sticks and emigrating. "It is some-

thing we have occasionally

talked about but it's just a

dream and we always put it

away again, back in the

to his parents' farm, post-

Cirencester, were abandoned

as political tension in Rhode-

sia hightened and the young

Tuckey instead got a job as a surveyor with Savills in Dor-

set, before joining MEPC in

His home now is as conven-

tional as the one he once had

in Derbyshire — a Victorian

London. And he too has three

children, Venetia, 14, Lizzy.

12. and Rose, 11. He is

comfortable with the transfor-

mation from an all-male to all-

town house in Holland Park.

Earlier ambitions to return

drawer.

a further two years, which will mean at least five-year gap." MEPC's building programme has been halted almost three years. Rents have halved in the past two years and they are still pretty soggy," he says. "It's going to be a long haul. The economy is not responding to its medicine and property is a

lagging sector."

He predicts no increase in commercial values for two or

three years and then only of four or five per cent a year. He then admits that since he lived through the property crash of the 1970s and early 1980s, he should perhaps have seen the warning signs, and battened down MEPC's hatches earlier. "One talks about experience being the great teacher but we all missed," he says.

We all knew that the boom of the 1980s could not continlevel off. It has been very humbling for everybody in the business to admit that collectively we got it wrong.

advice readily available. In-deed, his two older brothers have had equally successful careers. One is now deputy chairman of Barings, the merchant bank; the other has just been made a High Court

judge.
One of Tuckey's colleagues, however, claims that his success has to be traceable to the Johnson, joint managing director of MEPC Investments. says: "He is more objective than other people born in the UK and that must be because he was brought up in another

Tuckey, in a ment of introspection, migrant thing, isn't it?" he says.

had a South African accent people were not able to put you into a pigeon hole. When people asked what school you went to, if you said Eton or Leeds Grammar, it would have meant something, but when I said Plumtree, no one knew what that meant. You were completely classless and that has made an enormous

Matthew Bond

Our Norman has his finest seconds as the nation gathers at sterling's bedside

have noticed, but the dramatic events of the past few days seem to have rekindled a Little Englander spirit that I for one thought long gone.

Every morning, in the cities and shires of Britain, families have gathered in hushed expectation around their wireless sets. And every morning Brian Perkins adopts his most solemn tone, the one for times of national emergency, and announces what the whole country is waiting to hear: "Sterling passed another comfortable night." The relief is tangible - I

could swear I've even seen a couple of hats whistling through the early morning air. Perfect strangers smile at each other on the way to work, pausing only to adopt a more sympathetic look as a neighbour looks up from the newspaper and says: "I see the old dollar copped it again last

For those without the benefit of computer technology, the rest of the day is spent trying to sate a growing addiction for news. On the hour, every hour, is barely enough to satisfy the persistent question: "How fares the pound?"

The answer, of course, lies deep within the Bank of England, in the intensive care ward reserved for critically ill currencies. Around the bed, the air of quiet efficiency is disturbed only by the irregular, sometimes very irregular, bleep of the ERM monitoring device. But as long as the chilling, continuous tone of devaluation is avoided, the doctors are content.

The medical team is led by that distinguished pair of consultants. Leigh-Pemberton and George, who mount a constant bedside vigil, keeping a close eye on the intravention drip that has pumped hundred of millions. possibly billions, of units into the pound's weakened system. The two men swap the occa-



quite produce the 25 per cent

rise in share prices that antici-

pation of Japan's \$80 billion

reflation bonanza produced,

but what do you expect for the

price of a standby return from

Pisa? Norman's response to a crisis was to be quintessentially

— or possibly scintillentially – British.

There was one nasty mo-ment. An untimely crackle on the wireless left me, for one,

believing that Mr Lamont had

cut short his holiday to quash

the slightest chinchilla of

doubt. Really, I thought, blaming a small, sceptical,

furry animal for the country's

economic woes was bad

enough, but to deliberately

pick on the smallest. Had he

forgotten Britain's traditional

But from then on Mr

Lamont was word periect,

love of things furry?

sional, silent look, joined by the knowledge that it has been touch and go on more than

Slowly, there are signs that the patient is responding to treatment. It cannot be long before Brian Perkins adopts his slightly lighter tone to announce: "Sterling is this morning sitting up in bed and taking liquids and prompts hurrabs from the amoous crowd in Threadneedle Street. Not, of course, that the Bank averted disaster unaided. We must not forget the gallant contribution of good old Nor-man, who stood alone on the

do their worst. As a harbinger of recovery, it was a long way from the sledgehammer approach of the Japanese. True, it did not

steps of the Treasury and

defied the worlds' markets to

of some of those foreign johnnies. Almost before our Norman finished his stirring "read my lips — no devalua-tion" speech, the Germans humbered in with their two piennies worth. Now Reimut Jochimsen

may be very big in North Rhine-Westphalia, big enough even to be president of the region's central bank, but does that really make him a leading authority on ERM

Well, for a couple of hours he thought it did, until the Bundesbank was persuaded (a quiet word from our Norm?) bundle his unsound thoughts on the subject off the world's news wires.

As the week continued, it became clear that even German politicians were growing tired of the ceaseless interventions of their unelected bankdetermined to grind the entire European economy to a halt simply to stop rents in Hesse apparently the cause of German inflation rising to the giddy heights of 3.5 per cent— from going up too fast. Never mind Hesse rents, what about

British house prices?
Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, made a valiant effort to repair the damage by calling for lower interest rates, but spoiled the effect by adding "in the medium term", which is political shorthand for the twelth of

With the Germans fighting to Michel Sapin, the French Lamont's avowal that there would be no realignment of the ERM. That is until the French vote non to Maastricht on September 20.

But nothing can detract from the Chancellor's victories this week. No realignment, no devaluation and no rise in interest rates — it was his finest 30 seconds.

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timent had been sweetened by

Tokyo's rebound and several

good interim results from blue-chip companies. Yester-

day's advance was led by a

clutch of blue chips. (Reuter)

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New York - Blue chips quick-

ly reversed their opening rally in morning trading as a tired market and a lacklustre dollar

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STOCK MARKET

American investors raise stake in BP

AMERICAN investors are continuing to snap up shares in BP, one of Britain's bestknown companies, despite the decision earlier this month to cut the dividend. They are now believed to own almost 15 per cent of the company. taking advantage of the fall in the share price to add to their holdings. They are estimated to have bought 100 million shares in the past couple of weeks.

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Brokers in London reported heavy turnover in BP shares this week, usually towards the close of the trading here and when dealings on Wall Street are beginning. Several lead-

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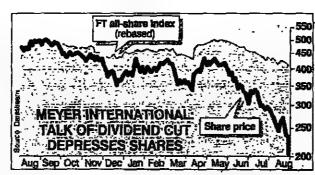
ing American securities houses have been buying shares this week, including Lehman Brothers and Salomon Brothers. BP firmed another 1p to 1931p yesterday as 7.3 million shares changed hands. County NatWest, the broker, says American investors regard BP's shares as cheap compared with some American companies. Despite BP's problems, the Americans see it as good value for money. British fund managers have been sellers of BP shares for most of this year and have

been happy to sell them lower.

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spent a lacklustre day, with few investors willing to open fresh positions before the bank 53.1 points. Turnover was a holiday weekend. After the meagre 339 million shares. volatility earlier this week, the The rest of the equity market FT-SE 100 index finished the tor came in for another John Laing, 4p to 128p, and

day just one point up at 2,312.6—a fall on the week of The depressed building secpounding following a gloomy set of statistics from the Builders' Merchants Federation, showing the industry still in recession with no sign of a pick-up in housebuilding.

One of the hardest hit was Meyer International, down 31p at 204p. Earlier this week, County NatWest warned its clients that Meyer might have to cut its dividend. Other brokers are now taking a closer look at their profit forecasts. There were also losses for Hepworth, 16p to 264p, Heywood Williams, · 20p to 139p, Cala, 8p to 54p, MJ Gleeson, 7p to 613p,

Persimmon, 6p to 173p. Scottish & Newcastle fell a further 7p to 383p, still reflecting this week's gloomy statement to the annual meeting. Chairman Sir Alick Rankin gave a warning that conditions had deteriorated. It was a message echoed by rival Greene King, down 10p at 412p, and came hard on the heels of a profits warning from Grand Metropolitan, lp

lighter at 388p. Continuous Stationery, the printing and copying group. rose 4p to 38p after receiving news of a bid approach worth 40p a share from rival Prontagrint, valuing the group at £6.8 million.

Henry Ansbacher was steady at 26p after reporting that it was at an advanced stage of bid talks with another suitor. Earlier discussions with Singer & Friedlander, unchanged at 34p, were terminated.

Carlton Communications shrugged off some of this week's dollar-related nervousness to finish 12p better at Vodafone also recovered

from an early fall to finish 1p

Gilts rally is short lived

GOVERNMENT securities opened lower in nervous trading with investors continuing to digest this week's £2.5 billion auction and still worry-ing about the pound's weakness against the mark. However, prices later railied, helped by end-of-week shortcovering and suggestions that a realignment of the exchange-rate mechanism was

being considered. But the rally soon boiled opinion poll indicated that the French were likely to reject the Maastricht treaty in the referendum on September 20. In the futures market, the long gilt suffered an early fall, touching £943/16 before rally-ing to hit a peak of £9427/22. It closed three ticks lower at £9417/32. In longs, Treasury 94 per cent, 2002 finished £3/10 better at £10019/32, while, at the shorter end, Treasury 84 per cent, 2017

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WEEKEND MONEY

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Edited by Sara McConnell

There used to be two stock answers to the question: "Why should I take out an endowment mortgage? One was that the policy would pay off the mortgage in 25 years time. The other was that the policy would also pay out a nice tax-free lump sum.

Now neither of these answers can be sustained. Guardian Royal Ex-change predicted this week that some insurers' current with-profits policies might not pay the bonuses needed to cover even the mortgage repayment. GRE was brave to articulate this fear because its investment performance has not been spectacular and it cut bonuses this year, putting it at the bottom of the payout league tables. It has said publicly what others have said privately - that present levels of bonus rates are unsustainable.

Throughout the 1980s, bonus payouts soared as companies competed to attract business. They could afford double digit bonus payouts because the value of the equities, particularly property stocks, in which policyholders' contributions

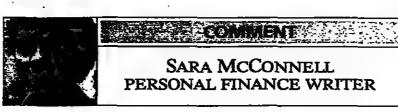
Downfall of endowment policies

were invested rose sharply. Also, 25-year endowment mortgages were selling fast to first-time buyers desperate to get on to the housing ladder. Borrowers committed themselves more heavily and larger loans meant larger endowments.

Now an estimated 80 per cent of

home owners have endowment mortgages. All are paying premiums based on assumptions that large bonuses will be added to the policy every year, more than covering the total mortgage debt. Life offices and their salesmen rarely make it clear that there is no cast iron guarantee that the endowment will pay off the loan and that if it does not, any shortfall will have to be paid by the borrower.

Many who took out endowments in the past three years should never have been sold them. Single people and couples with no dependants



by salesmen, including building societies and estate agents, keen to get the commission. Long-term endowments are an unsatisfactory way to save and an overpriced way of insuring the life of a borrower.

Growth in the first years of the policy is minimal because there are high set-up charges, reflecting high commission. At the same time, savers are locked in for 25 years, knowing that they will have to keep up the policy for at least five years before they even get their money back if they want to cash in. It is an were put under pressure to buy them expensive way to ensure the mort-

gage will be paid off if the borrower dies because it is priced like a savings plan. A simple term assurance policy costing a few pounds a month can perform this function admirably

and does so with repayment loans. Insurers say that endowments are still a proven way to save. This appears to be so, looking at their records of past payouts. But years of high inflation and booming stock markets have pushed up the figures and they are likely to look less impressive if low inflation and low returns from equities continue into the next century. The payout tables

through last year, they started

to consider buying some land

in the Kent countryside and

saw the piece of land they

wanted as they drove past it one day. "We could never

afford to buy a house in this

area because it's so expensive,

but we're keen to get on and we've always wanted to live around here, "Mr Drury said. The couple, who run their

own garage business, consult-ed books on self build, as well

as Bullt-It, the specialist self-build magazine, then wrote to "every supplier" of timber-framed flat-packed "kits". "We

didn't want to start building from nothing," Mr Drury said. They chose a house from a range by Medina Gimson, a holders stayed the 25-year course. Most companies admit that less than half the endowments sold reach maturity.

So borrowers are stuck with a policy they may not have wanted in the first place, which may not even deliver what it was meant to. Even if the mortgage is covered, it is less likely they will be left with any significant tax-free lump sum. They have the right to feel betrayed.

Repossessions

ack of co-ordination between lenders and local authorities is needlessly prolonging the agony of some families needing to be rehoused after their homes have been repossessed. A London Research Centre report this week said that nine out of ten local authorities received no advance notification

from lenders of householders in their area threatened with repossession. The report accuses many lenders of not following guidelines laid down by the Council of Mortgage Lenders to warn local authorities if rehousing may be necessary.

Many people facing repossession may have little or no contact with a local authority housing department before and will need reassurance and help. Authorities have an important role in offering debt counselling, or in some cases putting people on a mortgage rescue scheme to keep them in their homes, but say it is often too late when they discover repossession is imminent.

Just as worrying is the finding that in many cases lenders are not helpful to local authorities that approach them about arrears. The Council of Mortgage Lenders says that it was instrumental in setting up a working party with local authorities in June, but said it "wouldn't dispute that li-aison was patchy. We are working hard to find good model notification arrangements." They need to make

'Cowboys' to be targeted in self-build sort-out

Last year 23,000

people built

their own homes.

Sara McConnell

looks at some of the pitfalls

AS THE housing market continues its seemingly endless journey through the dol-drums, the idea of buying a piece of land and building a house may seem an elaborate way of obtaining the right property when any buyer should be spoilt for choice in

the traditional market. In the boom years of the eighties, as prices rose out of many people's reach, building a home seemed to some to be the only way to obtain just the right homes in areas that they liked. Self-built houses can cost up to 40 per cent less than

buying the existing equivalent. homes are now more affordable than they have been for years, there is still a steady stream of pioneers ready to break virgin ground. Last year, an estimated 23,000 people decided to ignore the glut of ready-built homes and strike out on their own. Figures from the National House-Building Council (NHBC) for the same year show a 4 per cent rise in value-added tax returns by self builders against a 6 per cent drop in the number

of homes built by developers. These people are prepared to put up with months, sometimes years, of upheaval, living in caravans on site, spending every weekend poring over plans, perhaps directing builders or even digging the

foundations themselves. They appear not to be put off by the fear that the home they are sweating over may now be depreciating faster than they can build it. On the contrary, say the organisers of this year's National Self Build Homes Show, to be held at London's Alexandra Palace between September 17 and 20, they should benefit from lower land prices. "As cash strapped developers sell off portions of their land banks to realise capital and decrease interest repayments on land reserves, so it is easier to find a plot to build on. Additionally, with fewer building contracts being awarded, more small huilders and sub-contractors are available for work at in-

creasingly competitive rates." Being able to buy land and materials cheaper could help to offset any depreciation losses. However, those hoping to sell property to raise money



Home of their own: Carol and Simon Drury outside their home in Rochester, Kent

to build another one will have the same difficulty as anyone else. As they have to provide a larger deposit to get a selfbuild loan, this could cause

The National Self Build Homes Show is hoping for 40,000 visitors, up on the 34,486 it attracted last year. The show will also see the public launch of the Individual House Builders' Association, a trade association that

out the "cowboys" from the industry and offer guidance on such subjects finance, plot finding and methods

tion to peo-ple building homes. Gunnel Westley.

the association's chairman, said: "It has become apparent that at self-build shows there are companies with lovely sales brochures, but we know that they are just working out of a shed at the bottom of the garden. It is inevitable in a growing industry that there are cowboys, but people have protection from them." The IHBA intends to monitor potential members, asking for information on their company

background, products, services and guarantees. The association said: "Manufacturers must agree to independent Inspection of their

facilities and to name three future projects which can be monitored by the IHBA. Builders must be NHBC registered, give three customer references and name three future projects which the association can monitor: sub-contractors must give the names of the archi-

NHBC Self-built houses builders who supervised can cost up to work 40 per cent less their three jects." than buying association the existing will also be publishing a directory of equivalent members

next year that will double up as a guide to individual house building. So far, the association has about 70 members, including lenders, such as the Abbey National, and companies marketing timber frame flat pack houses, such as Skandia-Hus and Potton

Ms Westley said there were also long-term plans to set up a bond scheme similar to that operated by the Association of British Travel Agents that

would cover people's losses if a member did go under.
The IHBA shies away from the term "self build", which it said has "DIY implications'

and an "association with

group self build". These ill-fated group selfbuild schemes are still remembered with a shudder by those involved, particularly those lenders like National & Provincial, which had their fingers burnt

Group self-build schemes

were conceived during the housing boom, when people with different building and construction skills bought plots of land together and built houses. However, Stephen Bell, National & Provincial's development finance manager, said: The value of the developments started to fall so that it was sometimes less than the cost of building. Then, if one of the group resigned, i meant the rest lost skills and it was difficult to find someone

The rest of the group also faced higher repayments as the loan was made to the group rather than individually. There had also been potential for abuse with speculative builders trying to sell on homes instead of living in them, Mr Bell said. wanted people who couldn't afford homes to build their

SIMON and Carol Drury are looking forward to this Christ-mas. They are hoping to move out of the cramped and poorly heated caravan they have been Kits make move from caravan to living in for a year and into the house they are building on a piot of land near Rochester, house a reality Kent (Sara McConnell writes). They expect the four-bedroom they expect the four-feathouth house to cost them about £115,000, including land. The Drurys knew nothing about building and had never considered building their own home. But after the house they were hoping to buy fell through last year they expend the started.

company specialising in fac-tory-built timber-frame houses based in Tonbridge, Kent. All the parts are delivered ready made to the site and erected either by the company or by the buyers, with or without the help of builders.

After one unsuccessful attempt at digging the founda-tions for the house, Mr Drury decided to leave the heavy work to professionals. "I tried to dig the foundations and hired a digger, but the digger got stuck and it was raining and it had cost me a weekend and £110." Since then, Mr Drury has concentrated on applying his more highly de-veloped management skills to employing people to work on the bouse.

Usefully, the man who had sold the Drurys the land was a builder, so they enlisted his help, not knowing any other builders. A carpenter triend is

doubling up as site foreman and relatives and friends will be plastering and decorating. as the inside of the house takes shape.

Apart from money they had from the sale of their previous home, the couple are funding the building with an overdraft from Lloyds Bank, secured on Mr Drury's parents' home. This perhaps unorthodox arrangement has worked well because the Drurys already have a good business relationship with the bank.

The Rochester upon Medway council was also helpful, apart from some initial hesitation that there was too little space left at the front of the

In Lancashire, the steepness of the roof of the house the Pyne family wants to build is preoccupying the local council. Nigel and Susan Pyne have four boys aged between

are "bursting at the seams" in their three bedroomed house in Millom, Cumbria. With five bedroomed houses in the area costing about £200,000, the Pynes believe they can build their own timber-framed house for £130,000, including £50,000 for the land they are in the middle of buying. They have extended their mortgage with the Abbey National to buy the land, but are also waiting to sell their present

home. Everything seemed to be going well until this week, when the council hesitated over the roof's steepness, Mrs Pyne said. "Their reaction seemed negative to me but Potton [the timber-frame house company selling the home) seemed to think it was just one of those things."

Now the Pynes are waiting to see if the roof can be flattened to satisfy the council before they go ahead. If they do, Mrs Pyne is planning to do most of the interior herself, having practised by "completely gutting" and redecorating their present home. Mr Pyne will be carrying out wiring and plumbing, but

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All three carry out stringent checks and

expect potential borrowers to have detailed costings and plans to produce at the mortgage interview. If they want to include the land in the loan, they have to put up 25 per cent of the cost as a deposit. Borrowers will also normally be expected to have planning permission for the property they want to build.

The lenders stress that individual house

building is not for the faint-hearted. Lorraine Kelly, Abbey National's manager of product development and maintenance, said people should think carefully before they embarked. "One of the problems that we have encountered is that a lot of the time people underestimate the

costings and timescales." In one case, a borrower had obtained estimates from a builder but no one had thought of the cost of connecting the house to the main sewerage system, Ms Kelly said. This would add about £4,000 to the cost. She added: "A lot of stress also arises during the construction period, and there have been separations."

Lenders will normally advance the funds in four or five stages. The Leeds specifies four stages for traditional homes not built from flat-packed kits and will make an advance when land is bought, when the foundations to damp-proof course level have been built, when the first floor is at window-head height and when the roof is put on. With a kit, the third tranche of money is advanced with the erection and weather proofing of the kit, and the final tranche with the building of external cladding and roof. The Abbey works in a similar way. The Abbey and the Leeds charge normal rates while the Bradford & Bingley charges an extra 1 per cent while the house is being completed. It will lend up to 95 per cent of the value of the finished property. The Leeds will lend the whole cost of the construction, as will the Abbey, which specifies it will not lend more than 75 per cent of the value of the finished house At every stage lenders will send a surveyor to inspect the work and will arge a valuation fee of between £30 and E50. They will only be looking at the construction to value it, not to inspect the quality of the work, but will probably pick

up glaring errors. Builders employed by the borrower will need to be members of the NHBC for the lender to advance a loan. A certificate from Foundation 15, which inspects selfbuild properties, is also acceptable.

David Tuffin, immediate past presi-

dent of the building surveyors division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, recommended that people use a surveyor or architect to oversee and inspect the different stages of the work, including helping to get planning permission from the local authority. Surveyors charge either hourly or as a percentage of the total construction cost. Otherwise they can charge a fixed lump sum.

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Smart money moves into bonds in the low-growth nineties

Competitiveness is expected to increase as shares suffer

from slow growth, Rupert Bruce says

THE conventional wisdom of investment in the 1980s, when shares were the undisputed king, is being turned on its head. Today, a lot of the smart money is turning to

Market experts believe bonds will provide returns that are increasingly competitive with shares in the 1990s, but without so much volatility. The logic is that this will be a decade of low economic growth and shares, therefore, will perform less well.

Tim Kay, fund manager of the Baring Global Bond Trust, said: The differential in return between bonds and equities will narrow, but the differential in risk will remain the same, and that, of course, makes bonds relatively more

Apart from the long-term argument for bonds, there is the added bonus that European and UK bonds are expected to perform well when German and other European interest rates fall.

Martin Wooller, director of fixed income at Fidelity Investments, predicts that German rates will come down I per cent in the next year. That would imply a 14 per cent rise in bond prices in the UK and Europe, he calculates.

If the exchange cate mechanism holds together and withstands the type of shocks it had



with high inflation, such as the UK, might do even better. As inflation rates come down to levels normally associated with Germany, so should interest rates. That would boost bond. prices further. In Germany, where traditionally low infla-tion has made bonds a more sensible investment than the have been in the UK, bond funds make up 83 per cent of the mutual fund industry. That compares with only 2 per cent in the UK. gross of tax as opposed to UK

For the private investor, there are two practical ways to buy bonds: invest in a fund or buy British government bonds, known as gilts. Funds

cial advisers and stockbrokers. Gifts are available at the Pout Office and through stockbrokers. There are international funds and UK funds on offer. Both invest in quality government and corporate bonds. These funds are also offshore fund bought from a reputable investment manag er is the most tax efficient. Offshore funds pay income

funds, which pay it net. The arguments for bonds apply equally to UK and international bond funds, but Micropal statistics show that

UK funds have tended to perform better. That is probably because the UK bond fund manager only has to look after his bond investments, while his international rival has to ride the chappy foreign exchange markets too.

To illustrate the point, the showed a total return (income plus capital gain) after costs, of o per cent over the past year, 16 per cent over the past three years and 33 per cent over the past five years. The average international bond fund's comparative returns were a marginal decline, 10 per cent

and 17 per cent respectively. Anyone who wants to invest

in one of those funds should choose one not only on its performance but also on the way it splits its return into capital and income. The Guinness Flight premium fixed-imerest fund, for exam-ple, pays a high 9.29 per cent income yield, but its capital value has risen by only 2 per year. Some bond funds give so much priority to income that

their capital value falls. The most tax efficient way to buy gilts is through the Post Office because dividends are paid gross of income tax. although anyone who is liable gilts can be bought through a stockbroker, which has the benefit of being a good source of advice

Private investors might consider a spread of perhaps three times. If carefully planned, this would smooth the capital performance of the holding and spread the dividend pay-ments throughout the year.

Of the two routes, an investment in gilts seems likely to be funds have rarely matched the 9 to 10 per cent annual gross redemption yield currently offered by gilts. UK bond funds might match that performance if it were not for their high initial charges, which are usually about 5 per cent of an

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ing days later. My letter pointing out that. in equity, cheque withdrawals ought to receive similar treat-

ment and should continue to earn interest until three working days have elapsed has, to

date, produced no response.

Is this to be yet another example of the financial fraternity playing heads they win, tails the public loses? Yours faithfully, J.R. ANDERSON.

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Pensions body proposes fairer deal

NAPF plans seek to avert poverty of divorced retirees

FUNDAMENTAL changes to the income of divorced pensioners have been proposed by the National Association of Pension Funds.

in almost all cases, the proposals would help women substantially improve their position at the expense of their former husbands. Where women are the main wage earners at the time of the divorce, however, their husbands would benefit

In a submission to a working party on pensions and divorce, set up under the auspices of the Pensions Management Institute, the association suggests divorcing couples should be able to divide the value of accrued pension rights equally.

The money must be used to buy new pension plans, a restriction designed to help reduce the poverty suffered by divorced women after they

According to Robin Ellison, a pensions lawyer and member of the working party, more than one in eight women over 60 will be divorcees by the year 2025, compared with 3 per cent in 1985.

The association is not suggesting that couples must always divide pension rights equally on divorce. It simply says the divorce settlement must leave each partner with the value of half the pension rights. For instance, if the family home and joint pension rights are of equal value, the wife may choose the former and the husband the latter.

Brian MacMahon, chairman of the association, denied that the pensions industry had been wrong-footed by the Conservatives' surprise elec-



Working women: June Bridgeman of the Equal Opportunities Commission

agreed the working party had been set up in response to a pre-election statement by the Labour party that the division of pension rights for divorcing couples would be addressed early on in the life of a Labour

Despite the popular conception that the pensions industry was a "take it or leave it" body. our policies are driven by the needs of employees and their

The PMI is chaired by a former permanent secretary at sion is one of more than 100 under consideration by the group, which also includes representatives of the Equal Opportunities Commission

and the Law Society.

Mr MacMahon said that he saw no reason why the final institute recommendations should not find favour with the government, because they were "a very useful, worthwhile social measure, and won't cost them anything". June Bridgeman, deputy chairperson of the EOC, said:

other European country except Denmark, yet the vast majority still face poverty in

A report by the institute is due in the spring. Its proposals are likely to involve a change in the law.

Several pension funds are governed by rules that will not allow the transfer of pension rights to a third party. The legislation will have to be approved by several governthe Inland Revenue, the DSS and the Lord Chancellor's

BRIEFINGS

Birmingham Midshires and societies have both reduced their savings rates. Birmingham's have been cut by an average 0.2 per cent. Other societies have announced better terms, or even rate rises, for Norwich and Peterborough's Postmaster account mean that people investing the minimum £1.000 receive net interest of 7.69 per cent, or 8.1 per cent on more than £30,000. Under-Itis with the National & Provincial receive 2.5 per cent extra gross interest on balances up to £250 in the society's instant access account, bringing the total to 6.6 per cent. Adults in the same account earn 4.1 per cent gross (3.08 per cent net). Scarborough has cut the minimum

☐ People wishing to sell their partly-paid shares in regional electricity shares must do so by next Friday, September 4. Dealines after that date will be in the fully-paid form only. Norwich and Peterborough is offering to sell the shares for a minimum £15. Up to three other family members can sell their shares for an extra 52 apiece. The Skipton has two dealing services. The postal service costs £9, regardless of the total value of the shares. The telephone service, which is quicker, costs a minimum £15, plus a £5 "life-member-

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account from £1,000 to £250.

☐ Motorists could lose their no-claims discount, even if they are not at fault in an accident, because of the "knock-for-knock" agreement between insurers. The AA's insurance side says motorists should have made sure their policy included a claims recovery service, "Knock-forknock" means each insurance company pays for damage to its own customer's vehicle, no

fee for first-time users.

☐ Skipton Building Society has launched a mortgage fixed at 9.25 per cent until September 30, 1993, then 10.2 per cent for the next two years. It is only available to borrowers who take out both buildings and contents insurance through the Skipton. The facility costs £150 to first-time buyers, who may borrow up to 95 per cent of the value of the property. Existing homeowners pay £295 for a maximum 90 per cent loan.

[] Family Assurance, the friendly society, has introduced a new tax-exempt family bond. The bond is a tenyear, unit-linked savings plan. Friendly society legislation means savers are not allowed to save more than £18 a month, or £200 a year. There is an annual management fee of 1.95 per cent, reducing to 0.75 per cent after ten years. Half of the first two years' contributions disappear in management charges, to reappear at the end of the policy in the form of a guaranteed minimum bonus.

categories - blindness, deafness and terminal illness - to Life Care, its criticial illness plan. Life Care is a unitlinked, whole life contract for people between 18 and 59. Minimum premiums are £20 a month, or £200 a year. The maximum benefit is £250,000.

☐ Alliance & Leicester is offering one and two-year fixedrate savings bonds. The oneyear bond pays 7.2 per cent net interest; the two-year bond pays 6.9 per cent. The minimum deposit is £10,000.

□ Newbury Building Society is offering a 1 per cent interest rate discount on loans where the borrower is able to contribute £40,000 or more to the total price of the property. Smaller discounts are avail able on equity contributions of £20,000 or more. The discount is available on loans below 75 per cent of the purchase price and is applied for the first year after completion.

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working in Britain than in any Ombudsman attacks failure to explain schemes clearly

FAILURES of administration and poor communications blamed this week for thousands of complaints about pension scheme administrators and trustees (Liz Dolan writes).

Presenting his first annual report, Michael Platt, the pensions ombudsman, said scheme managers should make more effort both to explain the system to members and to keep them informed about the likelihood of delays when dealing with their problems. They should do everything

possible to "get it right and get it on time". In the event of a delay. "a phone call or letter can work wonders". He added that transfer values from finalsalary schemes were "notoriously misunderstood" and the pensions industry had to ex-plain them better. In particular, he would welcome a standard warning on transfer quotations that the figure shown would hold only for a specified period.

The ombudsman deals only with complaints that the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service has been unable to resolve satisfactorily. Of more than 6.000 complaints OPAS received in the year to March



Platt: first annual report

31, fewer than 50 were passed on to Mr Platt.

Don Hall, the service's chief executive, is therefore well placed to back Mr Platt's views. He said: "I have never seen an explanation booklet for employees that tells them exactly how the pension scheme works. I am sure it is not beyond the wit of the people who draft them to give some kind of simple explanation.

He said most complaints stemmed from misunderstanding how systems worked. from miscalculations of transfer values, or from delays in iculating such values or passing them on to new

schemes. The number and complexity of different schemes added to members' and administrators' difficulties, Mr Hall added. When, for instance, a member left one scheme to join another, it might involve separate input from two consultants, two pensions managers and two insurance companies before a transfer value could be worked out and paid across.

The trouble is, the whole thing has got so complicated, it would now be extremely difficult to simplify, but I hope we can find a way of doing so."

The recession has brought fresh problems. Scheme members can wait years, for instance, to find out what has happened to pension funds after employers go bust. "When a liquidator is appointed," Mr Platt said, "he frequently finds a muddle, with contributions to the scheme unpaid and records fragmentary or missing. Some liquidators give the pension scheme

low priority."

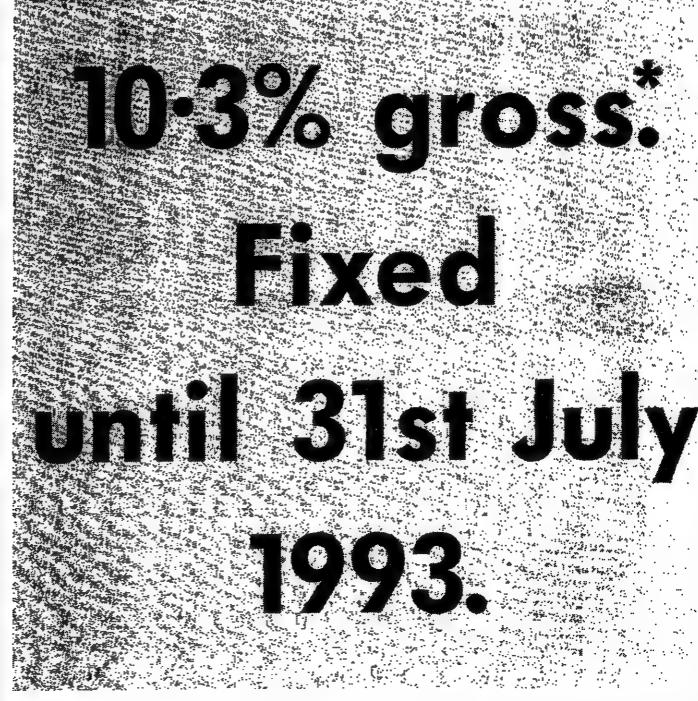
Now that many companies are short of cash, pension fund administration tends to be carried out by people who have many other jobs to do, especially in smaller companies. This, again, can cause

ings.
However, other delays investigated by both the advisory service and the ombudsman were due simply to maladmin-

Last year, the newly estab-lished Pensions Tracing Registry said that, when asked to supply information about schemes for the registry's database, only 20 per cent of adminstrators managed to fill in the forms correctly.

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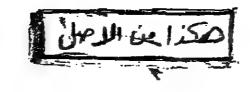
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Sevens kicks off with high-profile line-up

By ALAN LORIMER

LEST it be overlooked, 1992-3 is also a World Cup season. In April, Scotland will host the inaugural world severs at Murrayfield and it is the relative imminence of this event that has prompted early action from the English and Scottish unions. Today, at Philiphaugh in the heart of the Scottish Border country. both England and Scotland will be represented at the Selkirk sevens, the traditional start to the Scottish season.

England, who are without Will Carling and Jeremy Guscott, have selected a squad drawn mainly from their B side, the one grand slam player from last season being Tim Rodber. Chris Sheasby. who has twice represented the Barbarians at the Hong Kong sevens, will supply consider-able experience and acumen to the forward trio, while, behind the scrum, Alan Buzza and Phil de Glanville will each pose threats to the defences.

Scotland will field a squad containing players who per-formed well in the spring circuit last April. Among the backs there are Gregor Townsend and Ken Logan, both of whom toured Australia this summer, and from the forwards, there is experience in the shape of of Brian Renwick, Kevin Armstrong and Adam Roxburgh.

Appealing though a Scot-land v England final would be, in this CIS Insurancesponsored event, the prospect of such in a knock-out competition is by no means certain. England face Glas-gow High/Kelvinside in the first round and then would most likely play Gala, the beaten finalists last year, before meeting either Selkirk or Hawick in the semi-final.

Scotland, if anything, have a more difficult route to the final Jed-Forest, their firstround opponents, have listed Gary Armstrong, although the Scotland scrum half, having withdrawn from the South team to play Leinster on Wednesday, must be doubtful. The Scots would almost certainly meet Kelso in the second round and Northampton, the defending champions, in the semi-final. Northampton, with Harvey Thorneycroft. who played for the Barbarians in Hong Kong last April, and Frank Packman among their backs, look well equipped for



Wales aiming to regain sparkle

By GERALD DAVIES

TODAY, we shall see whether the Welsh public, after a period of prolonged indifference and disenchantment, can resume its hitherto reluctant affair with sevens rugby. For the last 39 years, the premier competition in Wales has been known as the Snelling sevens, but will henceforward be known as the Worthington Weish sevens.

This is not the only change. After having been staged in Newport for the last nine years, the competition returns this afternoon to its home of the previous 17, Cardiff.

Once, up until the mid-1970s when Newport had dominated, 20,000 people would turn up. Last year, when Swansea won, barely a couple of thousand did, and why should they when the best players happily also stayed away. Apart from the early days, organisers have failed to create the festival atmosphere that had made sevens so congenial to spectators, at any rate in Scotland's Borders, and — if it is still there — at Twickenham in May.

If sevens thrives in many backwater towns and villages throughout August, it is merely thought of as a muisance value at a national level in Wales. The introduction of a national sevens competition. promoted by the Welsh Rugby Union a decade ago, fell ignominiously by the wayside. While the Pacific basin countries have embraced sevens, the game had grown to be something to be tolerated, rather than celebrated, in Wales Suddenly, in Edinburgh in April, a World Cup competition is sprung on an unprepared Welsh public. This ought to provide a vigor-

ous stimulus to the game. Now that the new title suggests a more national competition, the organisers might make condition for entry less parochial. The present qualification is based on the former, pre-Heineken League, leading clubs. In future, it ought to be based on merit.

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SPORTS COUNCIL

Sport's output leaves the economy trailing

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE economic output of British sport outperformed the national economy as a whole between 1985 and 1990, a report, published by the Sports Council, stated

The report showed that, by the end of the 1980s, sport was more important than several areas of manufacturing, including the motor industry. During this five-year period, output increased by almost 50 percent and employment in the sector rose from 376,000 to 467,000.

The survey, carried out by the Henley Centre for Forecasting, stated that by 1990, the output of sports related activity was £8.27 billion. or 1.7 percent of gross domestic product (GDP). This is compared to the 1985 figure of £5.58 billion (in 1990 figures,

equal to 1.4 percent of GDP). Consumer spending on sports-related items amounted to £9.75 billion. Even if gambling is excluded, this still

and footwear (including cleaning and repairs) at £2.01 billion; sports goods and equipment, including boats, at £2.06 billion and sports participation, including skiing at £1.61 billion.

Sir Peter Yarranton, the chairman of the Sports Council, said: "People have to realise that investment in sport is good for both the public and private sectors as well as for the country as a whole. Even relatively modest investment in this sector can produce excellent results."

The greatest concern of the council, the government-financed quango, was the provision of sports services by local authorities. They remain the main providers of facilities in the country but this report shows that overall spending by local councils has been falling since 1985 to dangerousty low levels," he said. The Economic Impact of Sport in the United Kingdom. published by the Sports Coun-

Sayyedati receives classic encouragement from her stable companion's brave display



Thrilling duel: Love Of Silver, left, stays on stoutly to master the white-faced Dancing Bloom at Goodwood yesterday

By MICHAEL SEELY

CLIVE Brittain and Michael Roberts received a tremendous boost for their 1993 classic hopes with Sayyedati when the champion jockey elect drove her stable Love Of Silver to a narrow defeat of the highly-regarded Dancing Bloom in the group three Butlins Southcoast World Prestige Stakes at Goodwood yesterday.

"She's not within six lengths of the other filly," said a triumphant Brittain after recording his fiftieth success of the campaign. "But she's honest and tough. She is now likely to run in the Fillies' Mile

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Racing next week

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5.35 EARDISLAND SELLING HURDLE

Supported from 14-1 to 9-1 to continue her trainer's well established and enviable practice of causing major upsets in high-class races, Ali Saeed's Arctic Tern filly beat Michael Stoute's previously impressive Ascot winner by a neck. Affan. a comfortable winner at Yar-mouth, finished one and a half lengths away third.

Ribbonwood, a heavily-backed favourite at 11-8 after her five-length Newbury victory was a short head further away in fourth place.

runner event at Haydock first time out, Love Of Silver had subsequently finished a close fourth behind Mystic Goddess

ground too firm," the trainer added. "She's certainly appreciated the easier surface

Tenacious Love Of Silver cheers Brittain

Robert, who showed he was back at his dynamic peak after an enforced rest by beating the redoubtable Lester Piggott in a close finish, is now relishing the prospect of riding Say-yedati and Lyric Fantasy in group one tests for fillies that

However, the jockey's fervent wish is that the first and second favourite for next spring's 1,000 Guineas will not be meeting in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket on September 30. First however, he is due

4.00 TOTE CREDIT HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,854: 2m 11 110yd) (5)

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6 46(8 BHS) MA HKNEN 14 (1) MCCan 6-11-2

partner Sayyedati in the seven-furlong Moyglare Stud Stakes

at the Curragh next Saturday.

"How could I desert Lyric
Fantasy," he said, "But although it's not up to me, I
hope they don't have to take
each other on. They are so
different. One has got pure
speed. But with the other you're already thinking about seven furlongs and a mile and

next season's classic races:" The defeat of Ribbonwood was naturally a major disap-pointment for John Gosden.

"She sweated up before hand, pulled too hard in the race and wouldn't settle," said the trainer. "I don't like making excuses, but I'm sure she's much better than that. I think the wisest course would be to put her away for the rest of the season."

However, the in-form trainer had better luck at Newmarket where Ray Cochrane rode Shaikh Mohammed's newcomer Emperor Jones to a highly convincing win in the Port of Tilbury Stakes.

Afterwards, Ladbrokes quoted 33-1 against the Dan-Guineas. "I'd hope he'd be up to running in something like the Dewinst Stakes in due

course," Gosden said. Later, Shaikh Mohammed completed a two-year-old double when Lost Soldier comfortably won the Blue Peter

Confident vote for O'Brien juvenile

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

PETER Chapple-Hyam. whose only two Irish runners so far this season have netted more than Ir£250,000 in winning prize-money, will be testing the quality of the home two-year-olds in the Ir £25,000 EBF Funnity Stakes. a group three seven-furiong event at the Curragh tomorrow.

He is sending over Newton's Law, a beautfully bred colt whose dam is a full-sister to the Derby winner Secreto. Newton's Law made his debut in the Deploy Acomb Stakes at York last week, and made up a lot of ground from the rear of the field to finish fourth behind Woodchat.

There is clearly a good race to be won with Newton's Law, but he is up against it here as he takes on Vincent O'Brien's top juvenile Fatherland. Under the conditions, Fatherland has no penalty and he is confidently expected to make it three victories in a row. At Leopardstown this after-

noon, Poolesta could end an expensive losing sequence in the Belgrave Stakes. She has been in the frame in all her races since coming to this country to be trained by

John Oxx. Riszard has his first run since the spring in the Crofton EBF Race. He ran well in two good races in the early part of the year, being third here behind Brief Truce and before that failing by a head to give 5lb to the Queen's Top Register in the White Rose Stakes at

THUNDERER!

5.15 Foolish Affair. 5.45 Master Shikari. 6.15 Sky Cat. 6.45 Captain Mor. 7.15 Someone Brave. 7.45

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

(£1,358: 2m #110yd) (4 numers)

1 /P2- POOLSH AFRIER 117 (8) 0. System #-11-0 1 495 OCS-M ROBLE 20 (10) P Sent. 17-11-0 3 8P3 OUBTANA 2 (CD.F.S.S.) P Sente 10-11-0 4 UP- PAFFLES TOWER SE B (Edward 11-11-0

5.45 PISKERTON NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,012-2m 2l) (7)

P-8 PARR 21 J Machin 4-11-0.
4 MARPATANN 21 A Roid 3-10-0.
4 MARPATANN 21 A Roid 3-10-0.
5 MARPATANN 21 A Roid 3-10-1.
5 MARPATANN 21 A Roid 3-10-1.
6 MARPATANN 21 A ROID 3-10-1.
6 MARPATANN 21 A ROID 3-10-1. LADY SISK ME 21F J Bresteck 3-10-1 Somes Marier Solicari, 4-1 Miss Grosse Max, 8-1 Marpalarin, 10-5 Plana Bumpant, Par, 12-1 Dats Dec, 16-1 Lady Righ Me. **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

TRANSERS: D Berchell, 3 wieners from 9 maners, 33.9%; W A Sleptowskin, 8 from 26, 30.9%; N Tinkier, 6 from 22, 27.3%; J M Bradley, 3 from 19, 15.8%; J Mackin, 3 from 23, 13.0%, (Only JOCKEYS: M Lynch, 6 winners from 18 fides, 83.9%; 8 McCourt, 11 from 38, 28.9%; S Scottin Ecches, 4 layer 23, 17.4%; 7 Well, 3 from 25, 12.0%. (Only qualifiers)

6.75 IPTON CLANISM HAMBEAP HURBLE

900-JOTALESS 194-0-50-0 5-10-9
PPI- SALLY FORTH 96 J Branch 6-10-9
PRIS- ODRIPORATE 1976 196 S Kelly 4-10-0
449- LA PERET 14 (P) Brismand 4-10-0
444- SARUN 25F D Branch 4-10-0

6.45 DERRY BUILDING SERVICES HANDICAP

1 235 CAPTAIN MOR 96 (D.F.O.S) W A Stephenson 10-12-0 2 216- RAMBLING SOND 131 (D.S.D) 7 Former 12-11-10 R Former (5) \$ 18-5 TEEPS PET 8 (SF.F.S) W Risels 6-10-7 _____ S Sonition (5) 11-10 Captain Mar, 12-6 Remixing Song, 5-1 Tigers Pat.

7.15 BROKLEY NOVICES HURDLE

1 4111 SUPPLEX PRINCE 6 DLP J O'Shim 8-11-12 M A Plagmaid
2 32 SOMETIME BRAVE 10F Bob Jones 4-10-11 V Sorgh.
1 USP VERSIATE 91-41 Visition 8-10-9 M Lynch
4 3-6 PLETRIAM 14 J Spening 4-10-8 A Visito 4 Mandalay Prince, 5-1 Someone Bases, 8-1 Physicum, 14-1 Verinas.

7.45 SARAH & WIKE GULL COMPITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (2895: 201 41 110yd) (6)

1 0-83 LEADING ROLE 7 (D.F.S) A Harrison 8-12-0 S Lyons,
2 100- MAJERARIS 131 (D.F.S.S) B Rictioned 9-11-6 S D Williams
3 232- PARTIME 1101 (D.S.) A Reid 5-11-6 S D Williams
4 174- HAGLER 94 (D.F.S) R Holliamsed 9-11-5 S Wyros
5 390- FEMPICK 114 (S) W A Stephenson 5-10-13 A Larnech
6 25-5 MIDS JEWEL 7 (D.F.S.) J Brankey 8-10-10 M A Fitzgerati 9-4 Raytime, 100-80 Landing Role, 9-2 Higgier, 6-1 Mubanis, 8-1 Herrs Jersel, 40-1 Fermick

Goodwood

GOOGWOOD Going: good to soft 2.10 (57) 1, BALLASECRET (D Meredith, 11-2); 2, Belle Of Longwick (A Tucker, 71); 3, Coopermil Led (C Asen), 3-1 (4-in), ALSO RAN: 3 (4-in), 6 Merudeeder, 12 Euer So Lonely (8in), 7 nn. 8i, 11-8i, 12-9i, 3/si, R Oickin at Newent, Yota: 93-50; 93-80, 52-90, DF: £96-40, CSF: £38.73, 1min 2.27sec.

6.05 WHITECROSS HANDICAP CHASE 2299. DF: 988 40. CSF: £38.73. Imin 227sec. 2.40 (Imi) 1. JAHANGSR (I. Piggott, 7-1): 2. Green's Fernisory (M. Roberts, 17-2 Essy); 3. Selbyong (F. Halls, 17-2 Intervall); 7. Selbyong (F. Halls, 17-2 Intervall); 10. Agincourt Song, Royal Dermouth, 12. Domicksly (Bin), 14 Giturah (4th), 18 Emeure, 20 Northern Conqueror, 11 ren. 314, 141, Ind. 151, 18 Hambury at Newmarket, Totar 28.00, 52.00, 52.30, 52.30, 67. ST 13.80, CSF: £38.41. Tricart 159 41. Intell 44.12agc. 3.10 (77) 1, LOVE OF SILVER (M. Roberts, 9-1); 2. Dencing Bloom (L. Piggott, 5-2); 3. Agian (R. Hills, 11-2), ALSO FANt, 11-8 law Ribbonwood (4th), 9 Lake Pleasent, 20 Bobbie Dee (3th), 33 Canrantia (8th), 7 ran. Nr. 134, 5th Ich, 31, 31, C. Britton at Newmarket, Totar E7-40; 52-40; 51-90, DF: 59-90, CSF: 529-96, Intim 32 14sec.

13-6 Fasting Star, 5-2 Rate Bio, 11-4 Market Leader, 4-1 Major Match. 6.35 ABERGAVERHY CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,458: 2m 3f 110yd) (11)

(£2,234; 2m 3f) (4)

1 201- PARIS OF TROY 33F (CD.S.S) N Tricing Davis 4-11-

312- KING'S SHILLING FOF (C.F.) Mrs S Oliver 5-11-3 . Jacqui Criver 4-6 Parts Of Troy, 9-2 (Stag's Shifting, 11-2 Himbal, 10-1 Remote Millestry, 14-1 Aldra Band, 20-1 Just A Wunder, 25-1 others.

7.05 HOLE IN THE WALL HOVICES CHASE

1 34-1 JUNANA 14 (F) J Bradley 6-11-5 I U Yaca 2 P/ BEGNARID 674 N Assures 11-11-3 Mr L Lay (7) 3 265 CUTAPIOR 198 Princips 7-11-3 A York 4 -PPO DAPPEG 7 (E.S) A Janus 8-10-12 R poliumy 2-5 Jonessa, 7-2 Cotaposi, 8-1 Bigarrani, 10-1 Dapping.

7.35 TARRINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE

1 0P-4 MO BORES 26 (0,F) R Balor 8-12-0 Mr A Passant (5)
2 PP-2 CHARLE BURTON 21 E) G Jones 10-10-11 M Davies
3 971 LUSTREMM 371 (C,F) M Crambre 5-10-1 Lores Vincent
4 510 CRACH HORSE DAVIES 110 (6-5) F Junior 4-19-3 J Lodge
5 001- BEAURIM 135 (5) C Junior 5-10-0 Mr Dreng
6 1-48 HARD 10 GRT 21 (8,0.8) M Baractough 5-10-0 Ass Shibat
7 34-2 LITTLE 288 14 C Report 5-10-0 C Librarily C Libra 9-4 Lette Stq. 7-2 Cra.y Horse Dancer, 4-1 Hard To Get, 5-1 Beacher, 7-1 Lesse-man. 12-1 Charles Sunger, 16-1 No Bortes.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TIMESTEE & COMMAN & MERCHAN MADE & MARKET MATTER AN THE 36 Hours 110, 32 7%; May & Oliver, 6 Hours 26, 23 7%; T Forster, 5 Hours 35, 14.3%; If Law, 8 Hours 86, 12.7%; A January, 5 Hours 43, 17.8%.

(5th), 50 Concinnity (4th), 66 Mistress Mins, 7, ren. 61, 31, 71, 21, 101. A Scott at Newmarket. Toke: 24.00; 51.60, 51.60; DP; 82.80. CSF: 25.84. Imin 32.778ec. Jackpot: not won (bool of 25,924,40 carried forward to Goodwood today).

Plecepot: £213.50, Newmarket Going: good

Going: good
2.00 (7) 1, LORD VIVIENNE (T Cuinn, 9-4
1-tar); 2, Raish (W Carson (9-4 is-tar); 3,
Change The Will (R Contrain, 7-1), M SO
RAN: 8 Our-John (5th), 10 Sandcastle City,
14 Sosia Milano, 16 Winged Whisper (8th),
20 Captair Mammelsole, Vandervelly, 25
Walkorthermon, 33 Foundin, 33 J Annie
(4th), 12 ran: NR: Red Ink. M, 3, 2M, 4,
11th P Cole at Whistombe, Tota: 53, 10:
51.50, 51.40, 51.60, DF: 52.50; CSF:
57.51, 1min 28,949ec. 27-91, Imin 28,94sec.
2.35 (8) 1, ARASELLARL (J Lloyd, 141): 2, Pearage Prince (C Himbsley, 50-1);
3, Southwold Ak (G Caster, 25-1); 4, Pisst
Gold (J Culms, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 5 fav
Backs, 8 Sylvan Sabre, Negicia (611), 8
Castillan Queen, Wandering Stranger, 12
Invigiliat, 14 Jigeam Boy, 16 Mass Hacots,
20 Ghalyoon, Hardiner, Ler Csu, Boy
Martin (Sin), 25 Thile-na-Helath, 38 Music
Dancer, 30 Doesyoudoes, 18 ren. 2, nk,
1, nk, sh hd. R Hannon at East Ereskeigh,
Tote, E19,90; 23.70, E5.70, E5.90, 22.20,
DF: 2262-40, Title; 2858-20, CSF: 5470-82
Tricest: E14,358-28, Tirin 13,78eac.
305 (7) 1, EMPEROR JONES) (R Cont.)

59.90. CSF: £29.96. Intin 32.14sec.
2.40 (1m 4f) 1. TOP ROYAL (8 Crossley,
14-1): 2. Googly (6 Berdwell, 11-2.2-tay);
3. Uselcht (J Williams, 14-1). ALSO RAN11-2. REav Lemon's Mill (Str), 6 Major's
Law, Ideal Candidate (4th), 8 Debacle, 12
Codern, 14 Storm Dust, Codnitrierr God,
16 Sovereigh Page, 20 Pasz, Indian
Decision-(6th), 33 Erlemo, 14 ran, 2, 5, 3,
161, 341, J Durden at Arundat, Tota: £17,46;
24.30, £2.00, £4,70. DF: £98.00, CSF:
£33.68. Tricast: £1,016.63. Top £205.30.
2mb/44,778ec. Tricage £14,358.28. Imin 13.7898c.

8.05 (7) 1, SMPEROR JONES (R Cochians, 4-1); II. Duham Melody (Dean McKown, 20-1); S. Rein Brother (Paul Edeny, 14-1). ALSO RAN. 7-2 tev Desert Secret (Strit), 9-2 Mentile Bay (Strit), 7-7 Consybury, 10 Western Cape (ABN), 12 Yahmi, 16 Oyrus The Bold, Pistol Piver, 20 Oysh, Son Of Sherp Shot, Wings Cove, 33 Blue Laws, Gustavie, Sun Grebe, 16 ren. 44, rk, kl, 144, 23, Joseden at Newmented. Tota: 98.10; 22.10, 24.80, 24.50. DF-£165.60, CSF; 250.83, Imin 28,258ec.

283.68. Tricast: \$1,016.63. Two 2205.30 2min 44,778ac.
4.16 (1m 2) 1. BG KNOWS BEST (A Tuctor, 7-4 ani; 2. Grackling (A Gerth, 53-1); 3. Day Off-listory (D Biggs, 12-1); 4. Storm Drum (S Casther, 7-1), 4.50 RAN: 6 Edge Of Desireass, 10 Amazon Espress, 11 Siley Sirat, 12 Desee. 16 Mere Chards, Sight Riek, Risch Of Strau (6th), 20 Lemors Ritorna, My Senor. Beschools, 33 Chinaman, 50 Alton Belle, 18 ran. 31, 51, 21, 31, 21, 32, 41, 32, 13 Siriles at Epocon. Tota: 22.90; 51.40, 512.70, 53.10, 51.90, DE: 5126.60, CSF: 554.26, Tricast: 5593.60, Tric 2371.30, 2min 15.77sec.
4.45 (6t) 1, RISK PROOF (S Cauthen, 14-1); 2, Be Polite (R Hills, 5-1); 3, El Nimo (B Cossiey, 2-1 tan. ALSO RAN: 8 Bodanders (6th), 10 Risky Number, 14 Capten Morgan, Mas Chier, Profiles, My Goldson (4th), 18 Gersié, 20 Midget Gern, Tropical Tie, 25 AB Promisse. Artic Agress, Sea. Strand (6th), 33 Pubbock Certainary, 50 Derk And Stormy, Dules Of Budworth, Dord Ted Dick, Kerman, 66 Amas Royale, 21 ran., M. rik, ak, nk, 11, G Lessie at Epocam. Total: 51.860; 55.10, 51.70, 51.80, DF: 558.60, CSF: 238.59, Inhir 17.47sec. Sold to F Jackman for 8500 grs. E165.63. CSP: E80.63. Imm 28.25sec.
3.35 (67) 1, BOSE NOISEN (I. Dottori, 12-1); 2, Harmse (W. Carson, 7-1); 3, Fydes
Fiyer (Dean McKeown, 20-1), ALSO RAN:
5 law Cornelgiere (5th), 13-2 Montendre, 8
Bold Laz, Stack Rock (6th), 17-2 Noisey,
17-2 Chloarica, 14 Bit Of A Lask, 16
Herora, Pad Rosein (4th), 33 Sunday's
Hill, 13 ran, 254, 34, 34, 34, 141, 34
Moutheralt at Newmarket, Toke: £11,30;
23.30, E2.10, St.70. DP: \$40.90, CSP:
285.33. 1min 1220csec.

5-20 (71) 1. HAMEEM (FI HMs, 5-2): 2.

E85.33. Imin 12.80sec.

4.95 (Im 8 in 175yd) 1. ENCORE UNE
FORS (Paul Edday, 6-1); 2. Pirraian
Forthery (J Reid, 7-1); 3. Numerger, 6;
Fallon, 20-1). ALSO RASK 4 tax/Multi Nouse
(8th), 6 Free Mover, 7 Newton Point, 8
Explosive Speed, Montevel (6th), 14
Lookingforarianbow, 18 Ofne Bag (4th),
33 Relampour, 11 ren, NRT. Sephistrine, 5h
Ad, 61, 11, 84, 84, P. Cheopie-Hyam at
Marston, Toter 58.95, 22.25, 22.70, 22.50,
DF, 518.50, Titor 5239.90, 65P, 842.88,
Tricast E711.50, 3rtin 10.21sec.

4.35 (80) 1. LOST SOLUTIER, 6. Dethat 4.35 (8) 1, LOST SOLDER (L Detlor), Berne tev); 2, Pluck (T Custon, 14-1); 3, I'm Yours (J Pelo, 10-1), ALSO, RAN: 2 BepImin 14,82sec.
5.10 (Im) 1, VAGUE DANCER (Sephen Davies, 11-2); 2, Dodgy (F Norton, 8-1); 3, Petergonia (R Price, 4-1); 4, SO RAN; 5-2 sev Boctsade, 13-2 Bentico, 11 Night Transaction, 12 Maclagans Grey, 14 Miss Sarsjane (4th), 14 Belletina Bay (6th), 22 Petrisses Pride, Karanoja (8th), 33 Wavebend, 12 ran, 1; 23, nk, 11, 41 Miss) Ramadea at Thirsk: Tote: 95.90; 52.90, 22.10, 52.00, DF: £13.60, CSF: £49.19. Tricest: £184.78, Imin 41.89sec.

Thirsk Going: good to firm

Placepot: £2,570,90

2.20 (7) 1. Pensian Traveller (P McCabe, 7-1); 2. Take Your Pertner (14-1); 3. Touch N Glow (25-1). Denoing Domino, Eastern Glow 4.1 (Hase, 16 ran, 294, 2.1 C Allen, Tota; £10.00; 23.16, £7.50, £8.00. DF: £142.60. CSF £101.40. 104; 21(0.); 2316; 780; 280.0 DF: E142,60, CSF: E101,40.
250 (65); 1, Yours Or Mine (N Connorton, 25-1); 2, Bright Paragon (20-1); 3, Embris (6-1, Fata); 4, Stombuster (8-1, Fata); 4, Stombuster (8-1, Fata); 4, Stombuster (8-1, Fata); 2, E150; 22.80, 23.80, 23. 4.55 (7) 1, Be My Everything (J Dennis, 5-1); 2, Climbing High (8-15 fax); 3, April Hollinshed, Tota: 8270; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £3.00, CSF: £7.87. £1.90, £1.10. Placepot: £2,084,00

On a day when all the races were named after northern trainers, punters searched in vain to find a trainer with a runner in his or her own race at Thirsk yesterday. Lynda Ramsden gave the handicap named after her a miss, but produced 14-1 chance Latin Leader to win the EBF Mary Reveley Maiden Stakes. Having only his second run, Latin

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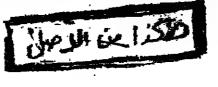
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Talented Selkirk set for rich consolation prize

SELKIRK is unquestionably the form horse for the group two Beefeater Gin Celebration Mile at Goodwood today.

Following that narrow defeat at the hands of Marling in the Sussex Stakes over today's course and distance late last month, I expect the Ian Balding-trained four-year-old to pick up this consolation prize that he so richly deserves.

After a bad run at Long-champ, where there were valid excuses, that effort in the Sussex Stakes portrayed Selkirk at his best.

It was no disgrace to be beaten a head by a filly of the calibre of Marling, who had earlier won the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Irish 1,000 Guineas after looking unlucky not to win our

Just how good that form was can be also gleaned by knowing that horses of the class of Second Set. Sheikh Albadou and Sikeston were right be-hind Selkirk in third, fourth

and fifth place that day. Rudimentary, who finished only seventh on that occasion, reopposes Selkirk now but with no apparent chance of winning since he was also beaten four-and-a-half lengths in third place behind my selection in the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury in May. Mystiko, who was even furMICHAEL PHILLIPS

ther behind in fifth place that day, now makes a belated second appearance of the season. But the fact remains that the only place where he has won is Newmarket where he is trained.

When he won the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot last September, beating those talented fillies Kooyonga and Shadayid, Selkirk showed that he was entirely at ease on the sort of ground that he will

encounter today.

For the French challenger Steinbeck, though, any more rain would be a distinct inconvenience.

Last time out Steinbeck accounted for the useful Rainbow Corner in the Prix Daphnis at Evry where the conditions were to his liking. Alhijaz, who represents

John Dunlop in place of Flying Brave, will appreciate the cut in the ground, having shown good form in the spring in Rome where it was even softer underfoot.

Nevertheless, Selkirk still looks capable of initiating a double for his owner, the American George Strawbridge, and trainer Ian Balding, who can also saddle Lt Welsh to win the Solent Maiden Stakes.

Lt Welsh was a promising third on his debut in the race won by that clearly talented colt Tenby over today's course and distance five weeks ago. Now he is preferred to Woomon Rivers. Ecu De France and Hostile Witness.

Today's meeting on the Sussex track begins with the March Stakes for which two St Leger acceptors, Rain Rider and Allegan, have been declared.

The last time that these two met was at Kempton in the



Balding: double chance

GOODWOOD

MANDARIN 2.00 Allegan 2.30 Aughfad. 3.10 Seikirk. 4.10 Lt Weish.

spring when Allegan beat Rain Rider by ten lengths.

er has won all his races: his

most notable scalp being the subsequent Gordon and

Great Voltigeur Stakes winner

ing. Allegan is said to have

been working well at New-market during his preparation

for today's listed race, and he is preferred to his old rival now

that he will be receiving 4lb

Aughtad, my choice for the Sport On 5 Handicap, will

enjoy being able to get his toe in the ground again.

At Newmarket, I give the Luca Cumani-trained Inner

City a good chance of winning

the Danepak Bacon Handi-

same that he was beaten by

Sharpitor and Alflora in the

Scottish Classic at Ayr last

time out and that form has

held up well since with the first

and second running well at Deauville and York resp-

Today's nap though is

Wainwright to account for Talb in the Stanley House

Maiden Stakes at Newmarket

following a particularly prom-

ising piece of work at home with his talented stable com-

ectively.

3.25 NEWGATE APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES

It was by only a neck and the

cap even under top weight.

Following a setback in train-

Bonny Scot at Newmarket.

In the meantime Rain Rid-

2.00 Rain Rider. 3.40 Virkon Venture. 4,10 Lt Welsh, 4.45 Musical Prospect. 5.15 HAWAII STORM (nap).

RICHARD EVANS: 2.00 Allegan.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.0 Allegan.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH MUMBERS BEST

2.00 MARCH STAKES (Listed race, 3-Y-0: £10,770: 1m 6f) (4 runners)

101 (4) 0-2111 RAM RIDER 51 (0.5 G) (Art E Ogoen Grace; J Dezteo 9-1 W Carson 102 (3) 11 ALLEGAN 119 (6.5) (2. Academ fr Geo E-17 5 Camber 103 (7) 3-82401 CORRESINO ANSIGNO TA (6.4 P. G. Carson P. G. Lawy B-11 L. Pages 104 (2) 3-13110 SPRESIAND 11 (0.5 G.S) (Lord Francis de Academ P. Adwyn 9-6 R. Cochanne BETTING, 4-5 Ram Rater, 11-10 Allegal, 16-1 Spiecos: 25-1 Custon, Basel 1991: JANGEL 8-11 W Casser 15-2: # Hern 5 GA

RAMI RIDER has Bonn, Sont 34 in 6-tener levelunt from 71, good) (seed, ALLEGAN best levelunt 11 in 71, good) (seed, ALLEGAN best levelunt 11 in 8-tener levelunt (seed, ALLEGAN best levelunt 11 in 1 sector or mytten 10 Queen's Vise it Ascol or myterior or from 5-th Children (seed) (seed, ALLEGAN best levelunt 11 in 1 sector or myterior it is a Sector or Mark Riser (seed) (seed)

l	2. (£1)	30 2,13	SPOF 5: 6f) (1	RT ON 5 HANDICAP 5 Turners)	BBC1	
ı	281	Ch.	506801	GREEN DOLLAR T (CD.F.E) (5 Asymptotes E (Court 9-5-10)	. M Tebbull	35
ı	392	(8)	004110	AUGHEAD 32 (N.CD.F.G.S.) (N. UA): Carpy T Case, 6-5-10	_ J Rekt	95
н	203	(10)	5-43100	KAYVEE 21 (D.F) (J factorond-Gazzon, 6 Hzwac 1 7-9-9	. A Clark	97
ı	284	(11)	504534	HARD TO FIGURE 11 (D.F.E.) I. SACTED F. MOTHER 6-5-8	R Cochrane	97
Ł	385	m	5-16354	HEATHER BANK 22 (CD.6.5) (III HERE) 1 567; 3-3-7	_ G Carter	8
П	286	(14)	661130	MEMER SD SURE 8 (8.D.E.S) Als & STOCKER A Baky 49-4	. L. Pegoti	94
1	307	130	221401	WALK IN THE PARK & (D.G.S) At LEWIS 5 Screens 3-9-3	# Tucker (5)	91
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Ł	209	(4)	583500	MASHUM TO (CD.F.G.S) of Pages # C'School 7-8-15	Paul Eddery	93
ì.	218	(13)	225021	SO RHYTHANICAL 22 (CD.F.6.5) Alexa C Barrow, G Ester (I-5-II).	. W Carson	96
1	211	pili	000000	CHOIR PRACTICE IS # 61 (1 Chemies & Marrie 5-6-7	J Curren	84
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3.50 Inner City.

2.15 Tales Of Windows.

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4.20 Majboor, 4.50 Branston Abby, 5.25 WAINWRIGHT (nap).

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3.10 BEEFEATER GRI CELEBRATION MILE

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THUNDERER

2.45 Dahyah. 3.20 Clear Look.

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4.20 Amthaal.

4.50 Seamere.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.15 LAGRANGE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,132: 1m 4t) (9 runners)

2.15 Tales Of Wisdom.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 8-0422 5000 TMES 74 (CD,BF,F.G,S) (Nrs D Robinson) 8 Hzd 9-10-0

3.40 RICHMOND-BRISSAC TROPHY (Handicap Gentleman Amateurs: £3,557 1m 1f) (10 numers)

| Committee | Comm SETTING, 7-2 Guidentals, 5-1 Surray Denoer, 11-2 Rocattle Lodge, 6-1 Vision Venium, 8-1 Aldistree, 18-1 Switt Remands, 16-1 Reco York Word, Berlin Wall, 25-1 others

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4.10 SOLENT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,077; 7f) (12 runners) SCHENT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,077: 7I) (12 runners)

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4.45 RALIGHMERE NURSERY HANDICAP

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5.15 PILLEY GREEN HANDICAP

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- 4	(4)	0-24003	GARTH 47 (V.F) (B Whitehouse) P Major 4-9-11	
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6	(11)	540102	BELFORT RULER 8 (CO.P) (8 Guoby LM) 8 Guitty 5-9-9	9
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9	(16)	045351	LOUISVILLE BELLE 14 (D.G) (Nes M Pearson) M Usher 3-9-3 R Cochrane	
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13	(8)	205330	VBLOCE 50 (D.BF.F) (M Gonzalez) A Bailey 4-8-5 W Hollick (7)	9
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15	(8)	664131	KIRREMAR 11 (D.F.S.) (R Short) K Connington-Brown 4-8-8	f
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1991: SUPER BENZ 5-8-13 J Farming (7-1) T Farmursi 9 nm

Childwick Bury Stud in Hertfordshire, owned by the late Jim Joel, who died in March aged 97, is for sale as a whole or in nine lots through agents Strutt & Parker. The property includes the stud, Childwick Hall (the stud house), paddocks and a 250-acre

Snurge has fine chance for encore

SNURGE (Richard Quinn) attempts to follow up last year's victory in the group two Grand Prix de Deauville Lancel at the Normandy course tomorrow (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Paul Cole's five year-old got home by a neck 12 months ago, but should find winning a simpler task this time round. Among his six rivals is Mohammed Moubarak's Fast Manouvre (Lanfranco Dettori), who has been supplemented at a cost of nearly £5,000. Fourth place, or better, will recover the outlay.

Andre Fabre runs Modhish (Thierry Jarnet), but the chief threat to Snurge may be posed by the consistent Elie Lellouche-trained Vert Amande (Dominique Boeuf).
The four-year-old narrowly

defeated John Gosden's Mashaallah in the Prix Maurice de Nieuil last time out and

is improving.

Ournaldaaya (Willie Carson) runs for John Dunlop in the group three Prix de La Nonette earlier in the day. She faces six opponents, including the Prix de Malleret winner, Trishyde (Freddie Head), who should be the one to beat.

There are no British runners among the field of five for the Prix du Calvados.

In today's Prix Quincey, Star Of Cozzene, who has been racing in top company in his last two outings, can win his first race in Europe since joining Francois Boutin from

the United States.

Karinga Bay, trained by Geoff Lewis and ridden by Brian Rouse, landed the £16,316 Spreti-Rennen (1m 2f) at Baden-Baden yesterday. Ken Higson's five-year-old, an 8-1 shot, won the group three contest by half-a-length from Sugunas with French-trained Past Master third and Approach The Bench, the Irish challenger, fourth.

Whip plea rejected

AN APPEAL by the League Against Cruel Sports for the rules regarding use of the whip to be altered has been rejected by the Jockey Club.

The league asked the Jockey
Club to adopt the system used in Norway where jockeys are not allowed to take their hands off the reins to use the whip. The Jockey Club has also turned down the league's suggestion that horses whose jockeys have been found guilty of



HEALENGING TEEPS MANDARIN 2.20 Whitley Gorse. 2.50 Jalmusique. 3.25 Charolles. 4.00 Touch Above. 4.30 Mellottie. 5.00 THUNDERER

2.20 Bangles, 2.50 High Low, 3.25 Charolies, 4.00 Nicely Thanks, 4.30 Knock To Enter, 5.00 Super Summit.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 ARMADA HURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £5,344: 5f) (12 runners) 7-2 Zerry Zerre, 5-1 Sea Gezer, 13-2 bolonic, 8-1 Rheit's Choice, 10-1 Bengles, 11-1 Carotines Ship, Cloudy Reef, 12-1 Whitely Goras, 14-1 Plasa Reel, 16-1 Capa Hursty Tvo, Horsetina, 28-1 Deed Calos.

2.50 ROTHMANS ROYALS MORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (£4,077: 71) (18)

18 4805 NORTHERN SPARK \$ (D,8) C Thornton 47-7.... L Che 5-1 Laurel Duenn, 13-2 Mibuhes, 9-1 Rice Up Steping, Pauly's Son, 10-1 High Live, 12-1 Spanish Verdiot, Habela, 14-1 Desert Splentour, Calpeta, Sharpallo, 16-1 Administra Malin, 20-1 Jaureschue, Nerthern Spark, Filozaia, Footish Touch, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSERS: H Cacit, 13 writters from 28 runents, 45.4%; 8 Hanbury, 9 from 28, 32.1%; M Stoute, 11 from 38, 28.5%, D Montey, 7 from 33, 21.2%; M Bell, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J Berry, 18 from 102, 17.6% JOCKEYS: J Caron, 16 visiners have 95 risks, 16.8%: M Brch, 22 from 157, 14.0%: J Loes, 14 from 139, 10.1%; K Darley, 11 from 111, 9.9%; A Culharu, 5 from 52, 9.6%, K Fallon, 8 from 90, 6.9%

19-11 Marcus Tromps, 3-7 Charelles, 4-1 Neleti, 16-1 Estimans, Simm Givie, 20-1 Habapes, 25-1 Only A Rose, 33-1 Tallur, Finalis, Tino's Game. 4.00 THOMAS LONSDALE BALLAGHER HANDICAP (£3,622: 1m 2f 32yd) (11) 5 6530 YOUNG BEORGE 7 (D.F.G) M Dods 5-0-1 ... K Fellow 6 2530 HICELY THANKS 7 (G) T Burron 3-0-0 ... V Halliday (7) 7 3400 LIMPAC EXPRESS 7 (B) C W Essy 3-0-12 ... V Halliday (7) 8 2400 CHERY POT 14 (B.D.S.I) Down Smith 4-0-1 ... Commonly 9 2042 TOP SCALE 144 (V.C.D.) W Hiligs 6-7-12 ... J Lowes 10 6403 SALLY FAY 7 (F) T Kinsey 4-7-4 ... Called Building (7) 11 4005 SHARQUM 3 (D.F.6) M Gressio 5-7-7 ... S Missioney (3) 3-1 Touch Above, 4-1 Saids, 5-1 Top Scale, 6-1 Northern Gashain, 9-1 Nicely Thuris, IG-LiYoung Gasege, 12-1 Steen Thatch, Cheely Pol, 16-1 Lines: Express, 20-1 saless:

4.30 WIDE OPEN HANDICAP (£7,635: 1m) (6)

5.00 GALLOWGATE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,490: 1m) (13)

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- 4	3520	THEROW AWAY LINE 14 R Bar 0-4, S Webser
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11	4820	MUMBNYS ROCKET 7 (II) M 8 Neil 7-1
	6	BEE UPSTANDING 31 J Scarpil 7-7
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MANDARIN 5.20 Mexican Dencer. 6.45 Simmering. 6.10 Bonjour. 6.40 Shuellean. 7.10 Full Quiver. 7.40 Mack The Knife.

5.20 Toss The Dice. 5.45 Night Melody. 6.10 Welsem. 6.40 Adam Smith. 7.10 Quadrireme. 7.40 Mack The Knits.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F 217YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.20 BRADFIELD SELLING STAKES (£1.698: 1m 67yd)(21 runners)

7-2 Toos The Olice, 5-1 Red Sombrero, 6-f Ergon, Sully Rasi, 8-1 Princia Biguing. Resta Kirl, Medican Dissoy, 10-1 Jolizal, Up The Purgish, 12-1 others.

5.45 LORDS TAVERNERS STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,658: 5f 217yd) (9)

7-4 Simmering, 9-4 Hight Melody, 11-4 Greeniet, 8-1 Porto Figillo, 16-1 Al Moulould, Aurille Groper, 20-7 offices.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPERS: 1, Common, 13 winders from 38 romers, 34.2%, 6 Histopid, 12 from 38, 31.6%, H Cacid, 10 from 38, 27.8%; A Stanseri, 8 from 34, 23.5%, J Gosden, 8 from 31, 19.4%; M Staute, 9 from 47, 18.1%. JOCKEYS: L. Piggott, 4 wineers from 13 rides, 30.0%, S. Cauthen, 15 from 73, 20.5%, L. Delton, 15 from 84, 17.9%, M. Roberts, 21 from 19, 17.8%, B. Delfield, 3 from 18, 16.7%; R. Cockezos, 21 from 149, 14.1%, Sand Agree 4 like in Contral Sand Agree 4 like in the interest of the interest

6.10 STAR AND GARYER NURSERY HANDICAP

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6.40 WINTER HILL STAKES (Listed Race: £9,708. 1m 217yd) (8) | 11-0 RUN ODN'T FLY 195 (D.F.G.S) P Cale 6-9-10 _____ T Omins 4
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| 3-251 ADAM SARTH 42 (D.S.) | Carmin 4-9-4 ______ L Deston 7
| 4-2210 RPR TUP 28 (D.F.G.S) R Almuss 7-9-0 _____ R Cachran 5
| 5-2244 SEAL (RUNGO 9 (D.F.G.) R Harmon 4-8-13 _____ J Red 8
| 6-1101 PETO 28 (CD.E.S.) H Carci 3-8-10 _____ N ROCKETS 6
| 7-1-21 SHLARLAMN 18 (D.F.G.) A Sheef 3-8-10 _____ N ROCKETS 6
| 6-600 ROYAL SEATON 57 (C.D.G.5)-8 Millious 3-8-6 ___ J Williams 3

9-4 Adams Stolik, 11-4 Pato, 7-2 Shualkam, 13-2 Fire Top., 10-1 Stell imbys, Nathabas, 14-1 Fire Cort Fig. 25-1 Royal Souther.

7.10 HARPOON LOUIE'S HANDICAP (£2,847: 1m 3f 135yd) (17)

11-2 Soill Shor. 6-1 Cambings. 13-2 Goen Lynn, 7-1 Upper Hussa, 8-1 Fall Curier, Island Blace, 10-7 Mass Witch, Garantero, Majorgiou, 16-1 olders.

7.40 RED SPHINERS GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-0 £2,574: 1m 3f 135yd) (8) 11-10 Yearly Francisco, 7-4 Black The Kells, 9-2 Auchorie, 10-1 Branchorio Gran. 20-1 Thire For A Flutter, 33-1 Addisons, 50-1 adopt.

BETTING: 7-2 Greek Chang. 4-1 Tales Of Westorn. 9-2 Manufornia. 5-1 Addicted To Lave. 6-1 thin Pal. 8-1 Tomate Angle, 18-1 Potonic Association. 18-1 Potonic Association. 1981, STRADBALLY MIDERIT & 12 R Cochesne (8-1) R Alabard 12 to 2.45 EBF PARK LODGE MARDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: \$4,077: 61) (13 runners)

3.20 PERLIP CORRIES NUCKEL ALLOYS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £15.400; 67) (14 runners) 1981: SMANG LOW 9-2 R Perform 19-2 last R Harmon 11 can FORM FOCUS

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you see how?

3.50 DANEPAK BACON STAKES (Handicap: £11,160 1m 2f) (12 runners) | Care | PETTINE: 3-2 Membelot, 5-1 inner City, 11-2 Jumant Sheft, 6-1 Golf Salot, 7-1 Rivers Vista, 8-1 Roborgo, 10-1 Wests Rob, Heistopous, 12-1 Membelot, Seban, 14-1 Corcine, Adil A Dollar 1991: HAJANIN 3-7-10 B Doyle (15-2) C Britain 10 cm

FORM FOCUS

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DOLLAR 654 3rd of 22 (placed 3rd) to Deposit in 1991 Exer if York (176 6) good) MALKOPOLS beat Song (17 Sovence 91 to 14-hinther Needoury landscap 18m 31, good set Detable Sulflandscap 18m 31, good set Detable SulfSARUR 341 2rd of 12 to Noock Knock in sultable
Scothword landscap (1m 31, good is firm) on gethylumate 2tm. MAMDOUN beat Anna Comment

4.20 FREEMASON LODGE HANDICAP (3-Y-O. £4,893: 7f) (14 runners)

C4 (3-Y-O. £4.893: 71) (14 runners)

1 (8) 22230 DOUBLE BLUE 21 (8F.6.5) (R Huggers) M Johnston 9-7... Down McKeown 85 2 (6) 0-31802 MALBOOR 27 (5) (H Al-Maintourn F Wathings 9-6 ... A Marrin 86 (13) 447102 MALBOOR 27 (5) (H Al-Maintourn F Wathings 9-6 ... Located 90 4 (14) 1-3400 PURE FORMALITY 16 (6) (Communite 6 Marten) 0 Ebsooch 8-6 B Rosse 81 19 MAGE STAN 8 (0.P.) (S Syring) 8 Harbury 8-6 ... W Ryse 81 1-1 MAGE STAN 8 (0.P.) (S Syring) 8 Harbury 8-6 ... W Ryse 81 7 (12) 500-621 ARBORETUM 14 (D 5) (Boots Mrs J de Rothschild) R Charlon 8-4 ... T Carrin 95 8 (5) 025224 BY HAND 33 (D F) (Mrs M Hargas) W Hargas 8-1 ... B Crossivey 81 (19) 500-014 DOR OCCASION 14 (C.D.F.) (Broughton Instational) W Materion 8-2 In Roberts (9) 17 11000 JORO CCASION 14 (C.D.F.) (Broughton Instational) W Materion 8-2 In Roberts (9) 17 11000 JORO CCASION 14 (C.D.F.) (Broughton Instational) W Materion 8-2 In Roberts (9) 17 11000 JORO CMASION 14 (C.D.F.) (Broughton Instational) W Materion 8-2 In Roberts (9) 17 11000 JORO CMASION 14 (C.D.F.) (Broughton Instational) W Materion 8-2 In Roberts (9) 17 11000 JORO WALE 8 (D.F.) (Na posting) 1 Hrts 8-0 ... R Hate 93 17 11000 JORO WALE 8 (D.F.) (Na posting) 1 Hrts 8-0 ... R Hate 93 17 11000 JORO WALE 8 (D.F.) (Na posting) 1 Hrts 8-0 ... M Humpfires (7) 92 MASHAARR 14 (H Al-Materioum) M Stoute 7-12 ... M Humpfires (7) 92 MATTING 11-2 Nacional Stant 10-1

BETTING, 11-2 Margin Steps, 6-1 Double Blue, 13-2 Antibaal, 7-1 Mamme s Too, 6-1 Car Occasion, State, 10-1 Addorses Hoperus Bad, 12-1 Eastleigh, Majbook 14-1 By Hand, Machaner, 16-1 others, 1891: SOUK 6-7 L Deltor (11-2) L Cumari 11 ign

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Sampras seeks to find his youthful flush again



TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

POR Pete Sampras, the youngest US Open men's champion, a return to the biggest, brashest and richest tennis festival in the calendar is a delicate balance between reflecting on a glory past and contemplating a brighter future. At one and the same time, the concrete jungle of Flushing Meadow, where the tournament begins on Monday, is the scene of the American's greatest triumph and his biggest crime. Like Boris Becker at Wimbledon, Sampras grabbed fame before his time and, arguably. he has been paying for his precocity ever since.

good. Sampras, the No. 3 seed, has struck a rich vein of form over the past two months and is one of the favourites for the \$8.5 million (£4.3 million) extravaganza. Since losing to Goran vanisevic in the semi-finals at Wimbledon, the Californian has won three straight events on the ATP tour, including his first clay-court title in Kitzbühel just before the Olympics. Already this month, he has beaten Stefan Edberg, Ivan Lendl, Becker and Jim Courier to take the titles in Cincinnati and Indiamay as well use the local lingo — is "hot". But he has

The one doubt lingering

released from hospital.

blasts, which all too easily freeze the flow of talent and expose the lack of substance beneath. After an uncomfortmantle as US Open champion early last year, Sampras came into the defence of his US title with his form and confidence high, only to sur-render meekly to Courier in the quarter-final. Worse than that, his sug-

gestion that losing his title was like "getting a monkey off my back" was openly ridiculed by his old friend Courier, and by Jimmy Connors. "Aren't we in the game to win titles?" Connors asked. his incredulity scarcely disguised. "Pete should realise

Courier's remarks. The truth of the message

as much as the size of the defeat, sent Sampras into a for one not given to excesses of emotion. (He greeted the winning of \$2 million in the inaugural Grand Slam Cup with no more than a brief flicker of a smile.) To his from that traumatic year a stronger and wiser young man and, through a consistency many thought foreign to his nature, has emerged as a potential successor to Courier as world No. I.

Yet, despite becoming the ATP tour champion in Frank. furt last year, Sampras has still to prove conclusively

he has the determination and the will to match his extraordinary talent. He has notreached another grand slam final, not yet shown that when his game is a fraction off and things are not flowing he can dig in, impose mind over matter in the manner of his boyhood idol,

for the first time he showed. signs of fulfilling expectations, posed more questions than it answered. Having dismantled the defending champion, Michael Stich, with sublime arrogance in the quarter-final on centre court, Sampras visibly wilted.

Rod Laver. In short, there is

still a widespread feeling that

in the semi-final. Outserved and outhit, the American could not summon the spirit to keep fighting and the Croat walked away with the final two sets. For many reasons, the next

fortnight will throw more light on Sampras's ability to counter the accusations. He has watched his two contemporaries and greatest rivals valk away with the first three grand slam titles of the year, Courier winning the Australian and French Opens. Agassi the Wimbledon title that Sampras himself had been strongly tipped to take. The draw, which threatens a quarter-final against Ivanisevic and the potential

in the semi-final, has almost been designed to test his nerve. This time, there are no monkeys to shoulder nor excuses to hide behind

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Quite apart from those considerations, there are the traditional distractions of tennis in New York. The whooping and hollering the incessant shuffling of the crowd, the stifling heat, the peculiarities of a schedule dictated by the whins of the television companies. Above all, at the age of 22, Sampras flukish flight of fancy and there would be no more appropriate place to exorcise shost than at the sight of

Englishman heads qualifying times

Senna steps aside to clear way for **Mansell and Prost**

TWO Englishman, a Brazilian and a crowd of SAS lookalikes were the main protagonists on the first day of qualifying here yesterday for the Belgian grand prix. One of the Englishmen was, inevitably, Nigel Mansell, who has already clinched the world championship, and, equally inevitably, claimed provisional pole position for tomorrow. Mansell lapped two seconds faster than Ayrton Senna, the Brazilian, and three faster than Riccardo Patrese, his Williams-Renault team-mate.

But Senna was in the news for another reason. The outgoing world champion announced he had withdrawn all intentions of driving for Williams. "I have found out that Alain Prost had a contract, which he had signed a long time ago, that excluded me from driving alongside him in

44 laps of 4.812 miles Total: 189,741 miles

Lap record: Alain Prost (Ferrari 641)

the same team." Senna said. "So there is no point in my insisting as he is backed by Elf and Renault."

It means that Mansell and Prost look certain to be the Williams drivers for 1993 after all the wrangling.
It was an eventful day for

Senna. Halfway through the morning session, he showed a lesser-known side of his character when Erik Comas, the young French driver, spun in his Ligier-Renault and hit a crash barrier. Senna, who was following in his McLaren-Honda, saw Comas slumped in his seat, apparently hurt

He stopped immediately and ran up the track to help. With cars roaring by, unaware until the last moment that debris was littered over the circuit, Senna showed great courage, risking serious inju-

photographers hoping to find Gilbey, who works for Lotus. Mansell said yesterday that he had not talked to Frank Williams since the Hungarian grand prix, when the team is BELGIAN GP believed to have raised the offer to retain their world champion. "I have nothing to prove." Mansell said. "A huge weight has been taken off my shoulders. I have achieved what I set out to do. I am as determined as ever to drive

> The weather, siways an important factor in the Ardennes, has been hot and muggy but the track is slippery. This circuit represents one of the toughest challenges to a driver and to see the cars speed up the Eau Rouge hill after going flat out down the back straight is awesome. It takes ability, courage and absolute faith in the car.

Perry McCarthy again failed to qualify in his Andrea Moda-Judd. "I know the circuit but my car, halfway up the hill, just didn't respond," he said. "Had I tried to turn into the corner, I would have gone straight into the wall. So I had to lift my foot off the

McCarthy has a self-deprecatory line in understatement. But at Spa it always takes courage. Just ask Senna.



RUGBY LEAGUE

Laughton recruits extra power up front for Leeds

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

FEW would disagree that the consistency of the Leeds pack was their Achilles' heel last year. An eleventh-hour rein-forcement mounted yesterday, resulting in the imminent arrivals of international forwards Andy Goodway, from Wigan, and Bob Lindner, from Australia, promises to right that situation at the start

partnership of Mick Wortall, signed from Salford, and Gary Mercer, the New Zea-land international, making their debuts at home against St Helens tomorrow, Doug Laughton, the Leeds coach, is hoping he has at last mustered sufficient strength to overcome most opposition

Leeds are working out a match-by-match payment agreement with Wigan for Goodway, 30, who was offered at £20,000 at the player's request after he could not see a st-team future at Central Park. The Headingley chub is reluctant to agree anything more than a pay-for-play deal for Goodway, given that his Sunday's Charity Shield was his first match appearance since he broke an arm in the

Leeds were hoping yesterday that the deal could be signed in time for Goodway to make an appearance on the substitutes bench tomorrow. They are still awaiting confirmation of Lindner's arrival next month from the Western

Suburbs club in Sydney. He has been offered a two-year deal. One of Australia's most durable forwards, Lindner played in the 2-1 series victory over Great Britain this summer, and has impressed in two spells at Castleford.

Jim Fallon, the former Bath and England B rugby union winger, making his rugby eague debut, and Alan Tait and Andy Gregory are among Helens, while John Gallagher, the former All Black is a relative stranger on the opposite wing after only

eight appearances last season.
St Hickens, bouyed by bearing Wigan in the Charity
Shield, have a more settled look, perticularly with the natura to fitness after a knee operation of Sonny Nickle, the Great Britain second-row forward. Allan Hunte, revelling in his new full back tole, will once again deputise for the injured Phil Veivers.

At Naughton Park, Widnes are strengthened against Castleford by the return at full back of Jonathan Davies, who has recovered from a pelvic bone problem. Bobby game at scrum half after

The Stones Bitter championship will see strict enforcement of new International Board rules outlawing headhigh tackies. These state that there must be no deliberate, pocaless or careless contact above shoulder height.

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213,000. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivera: 1, Mansal, 82pts; 2, Patrete, 40; 3, Senna, 34; 4, Schmacher, 32; 5, Berger, 25; 8, Brunde, 18; 7, Ales, 13; 8, Haddinga, 8; 9, Aboreto, 5; equal 10, De Cesaris. E Comes (F1, Ligier-Rentent, 4; equal 12, Wendlinger, Capall, 3; equal 14, Mantal, Herbert, 2, 18,

ATHLETICS

Pro veterans absent

MORE than 3,000 runners aged between 35 and 86 and representing 30 countries will take part in this weekend's world veteran road race charnpionships in Birmingham (a Special Correspondent writes). But most of the leading runners have boycotted the event because it does not offer prize-

money. Veterans — for men, anyone over 40; for women, over 35 have become an increasingly visible group. In this year's London Marathon they made

up 40 per cent of the 23,000 field. As a result, many former world class runners have continued competing at a high level. The favourite for today's 10-kilometre race, Mike McLeod, of Elswick, was the

1984 Olympic 10,000 metres silver medal-winner. In the United States, the road-running circuit offers top veterans huge financial re-wards. Nick Rose, of Bristol, the leading veteran this year, said: "Running is a living and the incentives are in America." LACROSSE

Canada's visit opens busy period

LACROSSE is rapidly becom-ing a year-round game with frequent world championships and an ever-increasing number of tours. The season, starting next week, gets under way with the Canada women's team touring Britain for games against Wales, Scotland and England (a Special

Corresondent writes). Then there will be no break before the women's world championship in Scotland next August In the build-up, Scotland and Wales follow the home international season with spring tours in the United States, while England visit Australia for five internation-

als in April. Few changes emerged from the women's international conference in the United States this summer. Rule changes are deferred until after the world championships, when South Australia. under the well-known coach. Peter Koshnitsky, will doubtless champion for a more physical women's game with

helmets for the entire team and Western Australia will ask for ten a side, instead of twelve, and fixed boundaries. The men's under-19 world

championship in New York earlier this month saw the emerging Japan team test England, before going down

The Japanese women, who were beaten by Wales in Japan in May, will be a much stronger side when they appear in Scotland for the world championships.

FA Premier League Coventry v Blackburn..... Crystał Palace v Norwich Everton v Wimbledon.....

(all ticket) Shaffield Utd v Aston Villa...... Southampton v Middlesbrough. Barclays League First division Bristol City v Sunderland... Peterborough v Notis County.....s Swindon v Cambridge Utd

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Alica v Clyde Arbroath v Queen's Park Brechin v Albion East Fife v Forfar. East Stirling v Queen of South. Montrose v Benvick.

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Basingstoke; Kingstonian v Aylesbury;
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Bey; Gainsborough v Accinigion Sensy;
Hyde v Frickley; Leak v Honech, Marine v
Behop Auckland; Morecambe v Goole;
Whitley Bay v Droylsdar; Winsland v Emisy.

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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Arterstone v Weymouth, Burton v
Bestley; Carebridge City v Moor Green;
Durmand v Goucester; Creterinan
Corby; Derdord v Halesover; Dorchester v
VS Rugby; Hednestord v Creentey; Solfadi v
Hastings Weston-super-Alera v
Howhridge. Middland division: Reddich
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King's Lyra. Soothern division: Budonghern v Gravesend and Northfeet;
Durstable v Salisbury; Fereirem v Beldock.
TNY GOLD CUP: Sectional matches:
Destiley v Linfeld; Glensvon v Glentoren;
Newly v Citizenville; Ornegh Town v
Portadown.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF RELAND:

Premier division: Bray Wanderes v Shelbourne (5.30). Sheltourne (5.20).

KONICA LEMGUE OF WALES: Aben Lido v
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JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss v Fatenhenn; Lowestoll v Cornard; Wrodsen v Branthem Allvetic. NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE Premier division: Casett Albion v Glesshoughton Wel; Ponteiract Col v Stockstridge PS, Sutton Town v Brigg; Winterton Rengers v Pickering. Winterton Rangers v Pickering.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premiter divisions
Chard v Lielseard Antietie; Salbash v Frome;
Twenton v Mangotalleld.
SASS NORTH WIST COUNTIES
LEAGUE! First division; Bacup Borough v
Kidegrove Athlete: Eastwood Hanley v
Permit; Glostop North End v Blackpool
Mechanics.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSK! CUP: Preliminary round: Nertile Vale v Nelym Unded, Abbey Life v Bright Aerospaca: Rockwell v New Brughton, Light Welster v Perfey; Buckley v Ruthin Town; Overton Athletic v Rhos Aelwyd; Pempirasu v Newcastle Emlyn; Lundindod Wels v Bush Wels; Parteg v Stewen Afrietic; Carmathen Town; v Pontychun; Cardin Insalute v Trouvent Stars; South Weles Constabute v Trouvent Stars; South Weles Constabute v Trouvent Stars; South Weles; Pontardewe Albietic v Porthoset Town; Trees Wellies v Abscriptors Atlanta MORTHERN LENGUE; Find division: Blyth Spetans v Durham City; Munton v Gustoorough. FA CUP; Preterinary round: Hebburn v Annifato Paur; Eastington Collegy v Shotton Comrades; Newcastle Blue Star v

Wincidnant; Workington v West Aucklend; Bamber Bridge v Puudhoe East End; Shiddon v Blackpool (When) Rovers; Peterfee Newtown v Evenwood; Willington v Whitby; Ferryhil Athletc v Spennymoor; Esh Winning v Atmidc, Armsorpe Weitsre v Bamdon; Derlington CB v Corest; Chester le Street v Blingham Town; Castell Town v Durston FB; Horden CM v Dawwen; Crook v Norton and Stockton Ancients; Northellerion v Langley Parksouth Bank v Bedfington Terriar; Yorkstins Ameteur v Seathers Red Ster, St Helens v Tow Law, Eccleshil v Helmorth Ct; Washington v Stockton; Safford Ct; v North Ferrby; Checkelton v Lancester Cty, Ashon (Ltd v Garforth; Formby v Bootle; Idam v Athenton IV; Sheffield v Rossendale, Great Harwood v Prescot,

FOOTBALL Premier League pswich v Tottenham (all ticket, 4.0). Barclays League Birmingham v Grimsby (2.55).

BORTO GAIS LEAGUE OF IPELAND: Pamber division: Botestiens v Westerd (3.30), Losetick v Derly Cay (2.30); Sharrock Rovers v Dorphede Litel (3.30), Sigo Rovers v Cork City (3.30). Sunday League DARLINGTON: Durham v Yorkshire

CARDIFF: Glemorgen v Somerset CANTERBURY: Kent y Sussex OLD TRAFFORD: Lanceshite v LEICESTER: Leicesterstrice v CHTHAMPTON: Northemptonshire v THE CVAL: Surrey v Middleson WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Notingherrshire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Amerikam: Bucktighamshire v Bediord-shire. Copdock, Ipawich; Sulfalk v Nortok, Pomardulais: Wales v Ograd. NATIONAL VILLAGE FINAL: Hursley Park (Hampeturg) v Martiley (Yorkshire) (40 overs, Long's, 11.0).

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RUGBY LEAGUE

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OTHER SPORT

MOTORCYCLING: Superbite (Donlogium).

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Croydon; Worthing v Chethern; Carrierbury v Bracknett; Helsham v Steyning; Tunbridge Weite v Margens; Worthing v Langney Sports; Coristilian v Cove; Langney Sports; Coristilian v Cove; Langney Sports; Coristilian v Cove; Langney Littlehampton; Whitehampto v Pathingbourne; Hoherham v Winney; Shoring Sports v Southwick; Poole v Abingdon; Shoreham v Winney; Shoring Sports v Bernetton Heath Harlequine; Andower v Hargense; Heat v Abingdon; Sensielyh v Nowport IOW; Calort City v Devizes; Wirnborrie v Bournemouth; Weiten v Hungerford; Peterselled v Chippenham; Gasport Borough v Calne; Westbury v Thelicham; Shortwood v Booteanhurst, Marshaed v Lyttington; Makscham v Swanage and Herston; Paulion v Betstol Marcor Fant; Chalertond v Newbury; Forest Green v Barnstöple; Taunton v Barry; Devitah v Resport AFC; Clevedon v Yels; Si Stazy v Felmouth; Bracombe v Truto Chy; Emouth v Emore; Torrington v Bideford.

Britannic Assurance county championship DERBY: Derbyshire v Someset DARLINGTON: Duttern v Hampehire CANTERBURY: Kent v Gloucestershire NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v HOVE: Sussex y Essex EDGBASTON: Warwickshing v WORCESTER: Wardestershire v

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NATIONAL CLUB FINAL: Kendel (Cumbrie) v The Optimists (Bristol) (Lord's, 45 overs, 11.0). RUGBY LEAGUE RUGBY LEAGUE
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP. Third chidsion: Notingham v Bisciopod (7.0).
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Davis demonstrates how to master a worrying affliction

RODGER Davis holds the first-round lead in the Murphy's English Open, having refused to succumb to the "yips" which once threatened to end his career. He was able to return a 67, five under par, on the Brabazon course at The Belfry yesterday, because he has been able to educate his right hand to stroke rather than twitch the putts.

It was two months ago that the Australian elected to copy the method employed by Bernhard Langer of grasping the left wrist with the right hand when putting. "I was in such a state that I decided if it didn't work then as a last resort I would go to the broom-handle putter," he said. "I also contemplated taking four months off but Bernhard's way put me back

, Davis employed the Langer method for five weeks and, satisfied that his stroke and confidence were restored, elected to launch his challenge at The Belfry by reverting to putting with his left hand below his right. It might all is sound Irish but it does fit the

Murphy's script.
"I was petrified that I was on my way back to the dark days of ten years ago when the 'yips' took me out of the game for 18 months," Davis said. "The good thing now is that I'm mentally in control again because I know if there is the -DARRIOF COURSE

suggestion of something going wrong that I can go back to the Langer method That way, you must use the right hand the whole way through the stroke so that you get a one-piece movement using the shoulders."

Out 3,712 36

Davis, who started from the 10th, gathered all of his six birdies in a seven-hole spell from the 17th - his eighth by holing putts of between six

He is, coincidentally, the only player among the top twenty in the Sony world rankings to have given his support to this tournament. The absence of the likes of Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faido, Langer, Sandy Lyle, José Maria Olazábal and lan Woosnam might lead to the PGA European Tour increasing from nine to 15 the number of tournaments in which their members are bound to compete. It is a subject which has been dis-

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cussed in the past and the time might be right to raise the

Paul Broadhurst, Martin Poxon and Mark Roe all scored 69 to lead the British challenge on a day when the prayers of the officials for decent weather were answered, as one more deluge, following an evening of tor-rential rain, might have rendered the course unplayable.

Johan Rystrom and Fredrik Lindren, both of Sweden, and Vicente Fernandez, of Argentina, also scored 69 and in all 23 players broke par. Vijay Singh (73), Ronan Rafferty (74), Mark James (74), Steven Richardson (75), Sam Tor-rance (75), Anders Forsbrand (76) and David Feherty (80) were among those who did

Roe has had only two top ten finishes during a season when he has been plagued by injuries. He is, at his best, one of those players quite capable of emerging from the pack and he emphasised this again with a round in which he

made few errors.

Michael McLean was denied a win in the Dutch Open, not to mention £66,000, four weeks ago when he was penalised two shots in the last round. He looked to have put that behind him when he moved to within one shot of Davis with one hole to play but a seven at the 9th - his 18th ruined his card and left him with a 71. His drive hit a speciator's bag and the ball rebounded into the trees, from where he was tempted to go for the green with a five-wood. But the ball kicked off a bank into the water. Then he took three putts. "These things keep happening to me," he

☐ Doris Jacklin, mother of Tony Jackin, the former Open and US Open champion, has died after a long illness. Jacklin, who scored a Swede, who lost in the final of first round of \$2, will continue the US amateur champion to play at The Belfry but he has ship earlier this month withdrawn from the Europe Davies opened the door for

the funeral will take place.



One-legged view: Torrance adopted a stork-like stance to follow the flight of his ball after teeing off at The Belfry

Davies drops behind impressive Swedes

Stockholm: Two untidy holes cost Laura Davies the chance of leading at the halfway point of the IBM Open, at Haninge here yesterday, despite banding in a 72, a tenth consecutive round below par, (a Special Correspondent

writes).
Davies, who finished with a total of 140, was overtaken by Helen Alfredsson, who added a 70 to her opening 68 to finish eight under par, on 138, one stroke clear of Annika Sorenstam, another

an Masters next week when the pair when she cut her second shot into trees to run

up a seven at the long 5th hole. After fighting back, the Briton struck a three-iron second into the water for a six at

the long 18th.
Alfredsson, the winner of the Hennessy Cup last month, dropped only one stroke in a fine 70. Her score of 34 for the inward nine was matched by Sorenstam.

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St George's Hill duo defies families trend

RICHARD and Joanna Stocks ended an 11-year drought for fathers and daughters by winning the Burhill family foursomes at their first attempt on the Surrey course yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). But Gillian Blok and her son Jeremy took the St George's

Hill pair to the 19th. Joanna Stocks, 21, settled the issue after she had played a rare had shot, mis-hitting a chip from just short of the first extra hole. Her father puried within six feet, she ran back to her bag to don a beret, and then made no mistake slotting the ball home.

The Bloks had seemed likely to be beaten much earlier.

They were two down on the 17th tee and Gillian Blok. using a putter up a steep slope through long grass, left the ball ten yards short of the hole. But her son rolled that one in

green for another four. The Stocks had a one-hole victory in their semi-final against Lene and Andrew Gilbert, while the Bloks, who had not played the 18th hole before the final, beat Bruce and Karen Tenniswood, 2

for a winning four and then Mrs Blok played a superb

wood into the heart of the 18th

IN BRIEF

Hendry fights back in China

In stifling Peking tempera tures that caused the snooker table to be lightening fast. Stephen Hendry recovered from 3-0 down to beat Steve Davis 5-3 in a semi-final of the

Kent Classic yesterday. Hendry, the world champion, was meeting in the final John Parrott, the world champion last year, who beat Terry Griffiths 5-4 in the other semi-

Street fast

Athletics: Fermin Cacho and Hassiba Boulmerka, the Olympic champions over 1,500 metres, have entered the Stan-dard Life Princess Street mile in Edinburgh on September 13. The Spaniard's opponents will include Steve Cram and William Tanui, the Olympic 800 metre champion, while Boulmerka, from Algeria, faces Ellen Van Langen, the women's 800-metre cham-

Age no handicap

Golf: Nearly 100 players have entered the maugural Law-rence Batley over-80s tournament at Moortown, Leeds, on September 7. The oldest is 90year-old George Nunn. a 19-handicapper from Hallowes, near Sheffield. Bert Gadd, of Ellesmere, who plays off five, has the lowest handicap. He is

In the saddle

Equestrianism: Two show jumpers, Emma-Jane Brown, 28, from Kenilworth, War-wickshire, and Helen McNaught, 25, have joined up with the Yorkshire owner, Trevor Banks, in a 5250,000 sponsorship until the next Olympics in Atlanta. It is backed by Bond International, a Yorkshire-based tyre and wheel specialist.

Ground sold

Rugby league: Swinton have sold their Station Road ground to a housing developer for £1 million to wipe out debts. They are ground-sharhole, G and J Blo, (Walton Heath) bi B Ing with the third division from Park), 2 and 1 Final: Stocks best Blok, 19th.

ROWING

Thomas pushing for further skiff titles

By Mike Rosewell

SKIFF shoving, one of the women's doubles, where she oldest river sports found on the Thames, will be holding its centenary championships at Henley on Sunday. Since 1892, pure skiff shovers have been joined by leading national rowers in the late summer and the list of past champions includes many British internationals, including Penny Chuter, who will feature in a row past.

To bush pe

Kim Thomas, a member of the women's coxless four in the Olympics, has won six skiff championships since 1985 and will be contesting a further three tomorrow for . Thames Valley, including the

will be partnered by her Olympic crewmate, Allison Barnett. They may not win in the heavier boats, Sara Merry-man and Sally Satch, racing for the up-river Wraysbury Club, being favoured.
Thomas has a better chance

in the mixed doubles where. partnered by Nick Mepham, the double is defending the title they first won in 1985. Wraysbury are favoured in the men's doubles, Justin

Maligned Essex river has its good points

Coast answer to Cowes Week. classes from dinghies to Class I offshore racers, will crowd narrow River Crouch, up the River Roach or out across the

Estuary. Goodchild and Andy Tompkins being the in-form crew, and Roger Haire, a pure skiff shover from Thames Valley. should retain his singles title.

BURNHAM Week, the East ings can be watched from the

their own class start.

YACHTING

By MALCOLM MCKEAG

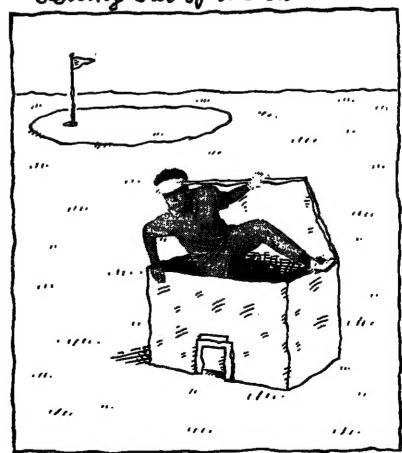
which begins today, celebrates its centenary this year. More than 400 yachts, racing in 28 across the muddy waters of the flat sands of the Thames

The unkind describe it as sailing in a ditch. Those who give it a chance find that the flat Essex marshes give steady breezes and shehered racing, even in half a gale, and it is the one national regatta where virtually the entire proceed-

The largest class will again be the locally born national squibs, with 40 entries, but with 60 yachts in the Channel Handicap fleet and 16 entries in Class 1, the big-boat division has had to be sub-divided, with Signa 38s being given

The Crouch, barely 300 yards wide at the starting line, still has its limitations, and with the early-week starts coinciding with low water and spring tides, Horse Shoal, just below the starting line, is sure to claim its annual toll of

Getting out of the bunker.



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finals: Gowshell bt Offier 21-18. Hind bt Fisher 27-20. Preirs: Quaster-finals: M Wahrsley and S Waudby (South Ceve) bt E Deny and I Wilten (Clare), 19-17; P Reynolds and M Matton (Petathorough GPC) bt A Heltern and J Beantsley (Mensfeld), 17-18. Semi-finals: Godiney and Shepperd bt Wahrsley and Waudby 21-18, Reynolds and Matton bt Jackson and Ketemogram 21-14. Mitted finals: Cleethorpes (Ir Putland) bt Ross Sports (J Jenton, Sell Lucas CAV (K Hollenseaverth 21:18, Flejnolds and Malifor of Jackson and Nationalphan 21:14. Mitted finds: Cleathorpes (f. Puttand) bi Rote Sports U Jenken), 25:48; Lucas CAV (K. Hollingssouth) bi Walpole Si Peter (f. Rassberry), 18-17; Brampton (f. McDonald) bi Poringland Swar (M. Shaw), 21-19; Alcon (J. Okield) bi Petions Sports (J. Newson), 17-13.

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MOTOR RALLYING

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DEALVILLE: French Open: Viquel 6, Junico Koshmo 7. SPORT FOR THE DISABLED GOLF — Patshuli Park Hotel, Shropshire: World Blind Championship: 222: J Ely (Can). 223: R Alline (Eng). 224: S Macke (Scot).

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SAN DIEGO, California: Women's tourna-ment: Second round: A Grossman (US) bit J Novotra (Czl., 4-6, 6-4, 4-2; Z Garnson (US) bit M Javer (SB), 6-1, 8-0. Quester-finals: L Meskhi (Cls) bit G Sabatins (Arg), 6-0, 6-3.
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PROJANAPOLIS: Junior Intermetional tour-nament (Se unives stered): Semi-finals: M Warnwright bt K Shiff (US), 6-2, 2-8, 7-8; J Pulin br L Woodrotie, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 YAMANAKANOMURA, Japen: NTT world junior team chemplonships (under 14) Boys: Semi-finals: (under 14) Boys: Semi-finals (under 14) Gustabe 2, hiungary 1 Girla: Semi-finals-Custabe 3, Caschoelovelos 0, United States 3, Germany 0.

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Pakistanis put on a carefree face

BY PETER BALL

WHILE Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis claimed vindication and consulted their lawyers, and the storm over the condition of the ball used in the one-day international at Lord's blew itself out in a cloud of obfuscation, the rest of the Pakistani team casually whiled away the last hours of their last match at Scarborough apparently without a care in the world. If they were a team under siege, they gave little indication of it.

Neither was there much evidence that anyone was giving much thought to the cricket. Shoaib, the Pakistanis' fifth-choice captain, and Richie Richardson, the World XI captain, made no attempt to prevent the match

ing the fireworks from Peter Sleep and cameos from Phil Simmons and Roger Harper as the Pakistanis used ten bowlers. Only some excited appealing revealed that the team was present in spirit as well as body, but there was no suggestion that their minds were on weightier matters.

"The boys aren't even aware of what's going on," Intikhab Alam, the team manager, said when the news of the International Cricket Council's (ICC) decision was relayed to him. "They're not interested in what's happening because they know they

have done nothing wrong. Even the failure of the ICC to clear the Pakistanis of the charge of altering the ball by saying it was done under law

manded at the beginning of the week, did nothing to shake their composure. have no doubt in my mind that we are not the guilty party at all." Intikhab said.

The ball was changed, and

that's it. I still believe it was

changed under law 5. I can

assure you we haven't done anything. I am very confident and very proud of these boys. These accusations have been going on for some time now, but it is just sour grapes. Wasim and Wagar are not just ordinary bowlers, and to

take something away from them is very unfair." That line was taken up by Agib, the only one of the three Test seam bowlers playing yesterday. After a short spell under soudding clouds in the morning, Acib came off and changed before adding his words of support to his bowling colleagues. Twe shared the same ball all summer, and to the ball, why haven't I l'm not as fast as they are, but I am very accurate, so if I had their degree of swing I'd be lethal. But I haven't," he said.

The only answer is that I'm not in the same class. Their wickets are solely down to ability. If people say it is down to the ball rather than the bowler, I'd like to put that to the test. Scuff it up in the way we are supposed to have done and give it to Devon Malcolm, and I'll bet £1,000 he doesn't get anything like the same result as Wasim and Wagar have done."

Pakistan depart this morning for a one-day game in



Ball examination 'revealed evidence of tampering'

BY SIMON WILDE

boundary fencing."

five-wicket spell. Wager had figures of nought for 99 from

22 overs. When England batted again, chasing 99 to win, Pakistan opted to contin

ue using the first-innings ball,

which was 114 overs old.

Wagar, who is normally first

ONE man, it transpired yesterday, has managed to pene. trate the cloak of secrecy that has surrounded the allegations of Pakistani ball-tampering during this summer's

Last month, during the Test match at Headingley, Richard Hutton, the former England all-rounder, asked to see — and was shown by one of the umpires - the ball with which Wager Youris destroyed the England batting with a spell of five wickets for 18 in eight overs on the third day.
"On examination," Hutton

said, "the ball contained counfless small abrasions, where the outer skin had disappeared, alongside the

change, opened the bowling seam on one side. The overall with Wasing Alexan and took two early wickets, but Eng-land went on to win the match mughness contrasted sharply with the smoothness of the conventionally polished other half of the ball. In my opinion by six wickers. the damage had been caused by a fingernail. It was not attributable to constant fric-

Hutton, the editor of The Cricketer magazine, declined to say which of the unipires Mervyn Kitchen and Ken tion on the ground or with the Palmer, allowed him to see the ball He said that he England unexpectedly colwanted to photograph the lapsed in their first innings ball but was refused permisfrom 292 for two to 320 all sion by the official. out, losing their last eight wickets in 16 overs. Before his

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Humon said his suspicions had been aroused during the series by "idle chat with umpires and others in author-"A ball that swings more and more as it gets older and older is acting against the laws of

Taylor makes short work of Middlesex resistance

By Ivo Tennant

NORTHAMPTON (third day of four): Northamptonshire (22pts) beat Middlesex (4) by an innings and three runs

IT TOOK Northamptonshire effectively one-and-a-half days of a scheduled four-day match to beat Middlesex by an innings, a victory that takes them into second place in the championship table. They achieved this through Paul Taylor taking ten for 54 in the match, the best figures of his career. There was some crass batting, but this was markedly hostile bowling. Taylor is 28 and in only his

second season with Northamptonshire, after two unfruitful years with Derbyshire and some Minor Counties cricket. His age might pre-clude him from selection for an England A tour, but not his ability. His five wickets yesterday were taken in one spell of elling left-arm medium pace.

For all that, there was no greater applause all day than Northamptonshire's members emphathise with him. For every Pakistani who has rung the club in the last two days. there has been a message of support. Graffiti is now an art form in Northampton. The secretariat, one needs hardly add, have had their fill of it.

Lamb's innings was a curi-ously muted affair, lasting 64 minutes and producing 13 runs, even if he did have his mind on other concerns. So. seemingly, did the rest of the middle order. Having been 137 for one, Northamptonshire mustered no more than 203, Williams taking five wickers for eight runs in 29 balle

Given that Middlesex batted with still less distinction, this scarcely mattered. Yet better. Their partnership of 101 in 31 overs was riches compared to everything that seemed so at the time. Or perhaps it was merely that Lamb was the focus of greater

Fordham's innings of 91 was far and away the best of the match. At times he could pass for Geoff Cook, his worthy predecessor, in the way in which he works the ball around the wicket. There was nothing showy about his batcompact to take him past 1,500 runs for the season.

Northamptonshire, the had a first innings lead of 118. reason for their collapse, just as there was not for that of Middlesex. This had much more to do with Taylor's maintenance of an excellent line and ability to alternate an in-swinger with his natural slant across the batsman than to anything in the pitch.

what was to come as Roseberry and Haynes put on 24 for the first wicket. Then the former went through edging one that left him and Gatting, having survived a pair, was leg-before offering no shot at Capel. It was an acute reminder of his affliction of old in Test cricket.

Haynes and Carr also went leg-before to Taylor, one choosing the wrong line and the other beaten on the back foot by another in-swinger. Brown went flicking at one down the leg side and Emburey was bowled looking to play one of his unique squeezed cover drives. Ramprakash, having had his off bail clipped by Capel, Middlesex were, almost unbelievably, 36 for seven. There was no way back from that.

391-537-515 Launching pad: Pringle dispatches the ball square on the way to a fine century for Essex at Floye yesterday

Pringle furthers Essex's cause

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HOVE (third day of four): Sussex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 164

RAIN has pilfered the equivalent of a day's play from this match but it remains intriguingly alive. Essex, who spread their first innings over three days, have to thank centuries from Jonathan Lewis and Derek Pringle for a lead of 201 and, no matter what happens at Canterbury, they can secure the title on bonus points alone if they finish off Sussex today.

No county side is more familiar than Essex with the art of putting trophies in the cabinet but there is a sense of wonderment in the camp that they stand on the brink of another championship after a summer in which they have seldom been able to put their best side in the field or, it

follows, play their most conhim to belie this; of course, and for a time against the huckless Salisbury, he did so. But gradually, in company with the correct and resolute vincing cricket. Take yesterday. Having included an extra bowler and

then lost one of their five specialist batsmen, Hussain, with his second broken finger of the season. Essex were not as happily placed as their overnight 195 for two suggested. Indeed, when Stephenson's first and liveliest burst of the day reduced them to 209 for four, effectively five, Sussex would have fancied they were back in the match.

Prichard, attempting to drive on the up, was well caught by Speight, low down at point, and Garnham was leg-before to what, these days, is a rare sighting of the slow. looping yorker with which Stephenson claimed so many wickets for Nottinghamshire. Enter Pringle, the last man

in the side with any preten-

sions to baming. He has it in

square cut four against Stephenson. He proceeded, in low gear but with no sign of stalling; to 133. He was out in what had long since seemed the only way he might go, run out. Pringle refused a second to long leg and Lenham's return was gathered by Moores, who

threw down the shimns at the

bowler's end. They had put on

105 from 30 overs.

a nervy five short of a first

century since his debut two

years ago. He got there, in four and a half hours, with a

square leg and Lenham's opening over had Bott legbefore. Essex looked on the point of expiring. Instead, there was the improbable Lewis, Pringle asserted him-self, even smiting two sixes as he carried the Essex lead from sight of 12 overs batting by Such, whose 20 was only merely useful to intimidating. seven short of his career-best. Lewis had spent 20 minutes Such was eventually on 91 and went into hunch still

stumped off Salisbury, who did an ironical jig to salute his first wicket in his 42nd over. He will bowl a lot worse than this and take five, and his lot was epitomised when he bowled Pringle with a no-ball. By then, however. Pringle had reached 100, his second of the season and tenth of his career. In recent weeks he has played more than one critical innings for Essex, who will now look to their spin bowlers to complete victory today. Childs gave them a start by removing Hall three overs

from last night's close.

R.A. Smith b McEman
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J.R. Ayling c Gravinny b Hughes
J.A. Nymes low b Brown
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-70, 3-71, 4-71, 8-286, 6-288

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Accept defeat and

smile? Why, it's

V v in sport? The whinge of the defeated athlete and the silence of the official. Once again the combination of the two brings us to the verge of a diplomatic incident. Twas ever thus. The longest

whinge in the history of sport is unquestionably the Body-line tour 60 years, from 1932 to the present day, and still the Australians whinge. True, this was nothing like as fero-cious as the assault on Eng-land and West Indies by the Australian fact bunders. Littles Australian fast bowlers, Lillee and Thomson, in the Seven-ties, but when did facts ever get in the way of a good sporting whinge?

Here is another often-for-gotten point: England did notwin the World Cap in 1966.
The international whinge about the, er, robust play of Nobby Stiles, the England enforcer, is still puttering away. Stiles cheated, the non-English world will tell you. What is more, England chesi-ed by playing all their matches at Wembley, and anyway, that was never a goal, despite the Russian linesman.

People still whinge about the West Indies cricket team of the Eighties, and the inven-tion (in the wake of defeat by Lillee and Thomson) of the four-man fast bowling attack. were altogether too fast and too accurate. Not fair.

Since their England have fined up with four fast bowlers themselves, and England quickies have hit many a batsman. But they have failed to conquer the cricketing world. The reason for West Indian success, much glossed over, is that West Indies had not the most brutal, but the very best bowlers in the world at that time.

Another nation, another whinge. If the England crick-eters lose the winter series against India, rest assured, it will either be because of bent umpiring or Indian food, or both And of course, Pakistan beat England in the Test series this summer because they cheated. The fact that they have the two best bowlers in the world has nothing to do with it, of

COURSE.

The spering whinge is an international phenomenon. It affects sporting enthusiasts, players spectators and offici-als. If at first you don't

A really good, solid dose of culture clash invariably encricket the Pakistanis. Both Pathan to cheat in some Ball-doctoring has been potrayed as some kind of Rastern mystery, a Pakistani equivalent of the Indian rope

I course, everyone knows that ball-docpart of English cricket as the tea interval. But the English prefer to reduce the greatest gullyguily men sleight of-hand conjurers, wily oriental gentlemen. England were not

Heigho. Cricket is especialcricket is played between the

Without a shared history a history that includes racism, slavery, warfare, conquest and exploitation - no Test match would ever take place. The remarkable thing about international cricket is not that it provokes so many poisonous rows, it is that it takes place at

Allan Lamb poses as the public sprited man for "blowing the whistle" on Pakistan but the truth is that he is just another whinger in a long line of whingeing losers.

From every nation and from every sport they come: a long sullen, shuffling line, the racists, the bullies, and the bruisers, the wilting and the demoralised, the rabble rousers. ers and the scandal-mongers, the defeated and, above all the resentful. It is an endless procession that stretches back from the present day as far as the dawn of sport.

Kent put themselves in strong position

BY RICHARD STREETON

CANTERBURY (third day of four): Gloucestershire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 304 runs to beat

GLOUCESTERSHIRE were left to make 398 yesterday to win this match, and though the pitch remains friendly. Kent have surely put them-selves beyond defeat. By win-ning this match and their final two fixtures, they could still take second place to Essex in the championship and earn £23,000 prize money.

There were 48 overs left when Gloucestershire set out on their marathon climb, and disciplined batting by Hodgson and Scott established the only pattern open to them. The score was 51 before Hodgson hit the first four of the innings. Soon afterwards he risked a sweep against Davis and was caught at short backward square-leg. Alleyne dropped anchor with Scott before bad light brought the

dose ten overs early. Kent, resuming at 164 for three, stretched their innings until half past three with nearly everyone belping to put the match beyond Gloucestershire's reach. Hooper, Fleming and Marsh led the way with contrasting half-centuries on a slow pitch from which all assistance for the bowlers had

virtually gone. Even Walsh had his bowling teeth drawn by the conditions, though he finished with four wickets to give him nine for 119 in the match. He has now taken 84 at 16.05 apiece in his benefit

Vaughan was the best of the other bowlers, but Davies varied his trajectory eleverly and bowled more efficiently than his figures suggest. Hooper played the most

classical strokes of the leading three Kent scorers, while Fleming struck the ball the most forcefully. Marsh's batting, arguably, had the most character about it. He began carefully at a time when Gloucestershire were just about still in the game, but he went on to cut loose once the coffin lid was nailed down.

Gloucestershire spirits must have briefly perked up with two early wickets. Davis showed more ambition than most nightwatchmen by attempting to hook Walsh and skied a catch to Russell. In Walsh's next over he had Cowdrey leg-before.

From the start Hooper had driven, hooked and late-cut everybody in turn with perfect timing. A memorable innings in embryo, though, was cut short when he stretched forward to Scott and was adBritannic Assurance county championship Derbys v Somerset

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C L Hooper Ibw b Scott
R P Daws c Russell b Waish
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BOWLING: Watch 25.5-69-4; General 14-2-47-0; Device 34.4-8-119-3; Veughan 25-5-75-2; Alleyne 2-0-23-0; Hencock 6-2-21-0; Scott GLOUCESTERSHERE: Per Invege 175 (M Second Intenge G D Hodgeon c McCague b Davis R J Sections

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22 2-M2 3-155 4-182, 5-196, 6-235, 7-307, 8-375, 8-378.

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S R Lampet e Lowes b Come
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Brown to 6, w 3, nb 6) Total (4 mids dec. 75.2 overal FALL OF MICKETS 10, 238, 344, 4-136.
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M J Spook & Robinson b Belly
TK H Feltbrother & Byes b Harley
G D Lloyd not out
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Total (3 wide, 65 avers) M Wartenson, P.A.J. DeFrance, J.D. Filton, P.J. Martin, †J. Statsworth and A.A. Barnett to bas. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-71, 3-174. YORINGHARE: "M D Movon, S A Kalest, A. Matcade, C White, 18 J Bayley, D Byes, A I Greyaon, P W Janda, P J Hardey, M Robinson and J D Batty.

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NORTH-AMPTONS-IBRE: Piret invings
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N A Felton b Emburey 9
N G B Cook c Carr b Fraser 9
N J Balley c Brown b Headley 9
A J Lamb low b Fraser 10
J Capel c Brown b Praser 10
N Carran c and b Williams 10
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L Replay B Williams 10
L Burne (10 6, w 1, nb 16) Total (74.1 overs) .

TOTAL OF WICKETS: 1-08, 2-127, 3-139, 4-176, 5-184, 6-194, 7-190, 8-191, 9-198, BOWLING: Website 18.1-2-69-6; Fraser 25-4-58-3; Heartey 20-2-63-1; Emburey 10-2-Uniquies: N T-Plans and J C Balderstone Festival match

World XI v Pakistanis SCAPBOROUGH (final day of times): World XI draw with the Paldetana PAKISTANISE: Finst Indinos 253 for 6 dec (Strong Mohammad 105) WORLD XI: First Impinge Simmons e Reshird b Returner Greetbech e Reshird b Returner B Richterdson e Aemer b Musht Steep low b Rashid

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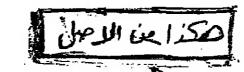
Umpires: J H Hampshire and B Leadbeary. Under-19 Test **England U-19** y Sri Lanka U-19

TAUNTON final day of four): England U-19 draw with Sri Lanks U-19 ENGLAMD U19: First Innings

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Umpires: K E Palmer and D R Shapherd.



Sunday is football day on television

ITV answers rivals with £40m deal for live league games

BY CLIVE WHITE

coigne, respectively. Many of the ITV games will be on a regional basis, but included in

its nationwide coverage will the four Coca-Cola Cup semi-

final games and the first division play-off final at Wern-

to free, live exclusive football

showing talents of clubs from

all parts of the country," Trevor East, the head of ITV

The deal with the League

had to be renegotiated

because the clubs were unhap-

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unlimited access and wide

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payments.

ON TOP of BSkyB's satura-tion coverage of the Premier League, not to mention Channel 4's televising of Italian football, came news yesterday of up to a further 70 live Sunday matches to be screened this season as part of a potential £40 million fouryear deal between the Football League and ITV.

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The agreement is ITV's answer to losing out in its bid for exclusive rights to the Premier League, which BSkyB won with a bid of £304 million to show 60 matches a season over five years. It means that on many Sundays, viewers will have a choice of

three live games.
Channel 4 kicks off its Italian league programme on September 6 with Sampdoria versus Lazio, the new clubs of Des Walker and Paul Gas-

Now there will be a capping system for individual clubs appearances, with ITV paying up to £100,000 a match on top of the basic £25 million which

Taylor laughs it off

.GRAHAM Taylor, the Eng- and looking ahead to the new land manager, yesterday scoffed at suggestions that he is suffering from self-pity in the wake of the European championship. Taylor was criticised for snubbing football writers who accompanied him this week on a trip to Norway where he watched England's World Cup opponents.

He described as "absurd"

suggestions that he has cracked up under the pressure of the criticism which followed England's failure. "I can assure everyone that I am fine international season," he said.

☐ Mold Alexandra have been reinstated to the Konica League of Wales but doubts still remain whether they will still be allowed to play. The club's secretary, Derek Williams, said that the Foot-

ball Association of Wales had admitted to acting unconstitutionally as a club cannot be thrown out until the end of the season. But he added: "Although we were reinstated we were then told that we couldn't the League is to receive. Newcastle United and Sunderland, for example, would have shared just £8,000 from Tyne Tees had they featured, while clubs in the Midlands and London were entitled to £30,000 between them from their local network. That was unacceptable and it was the job of Lee Walker, the League's television controller,

to work out a new formula. Clubs will share £60,000 -£48,000 to the home club and £12,000 to the visitors - for their first four live matches covered by more than one region. The fifth game will be worth £80,000 - the level of payment determined by the side's appearance

ITV will increase the pay-ment to six figures for four matches they plan to show on a nationwide basis after the transfer deadline, when the promotion issue reaches its climax. The deal still allows ITV regions to have sole coverage of matches in their

London Weekend will have to pay £30,000 to show West Ham's game against Derby County on September 20, but the next time they select a West Ham home match the fee will be £60,000.

Walker said only one chub had voted against the

"We have gone a long way towards striking the right bal-ance," he said. "As far as we are concerned, the fans are of

Charlton to return to Valley

CHARLTON Athletic finally announced yesterday that their seven-year exile from The Valley is almost over (a Special Correspondent writes).

The club, which heads the players wages and have guar-first division, will be back anteed £200,000 for rebuildbefore the end of the year at ing. But they are confident the historic ground it occufirst game will be against Portsmouth, on December 5.

Charlton's future is, however, still far from assured. The ground, which was once the largest in the Football League and in its glory days held over 70,000, will initially be open on two sides only, with capacity limited to 6,000. That will mean that even with a full house every week, the club would not break even.

Directors are underwriting that more backers will come to the ground.

The venture, which in its first phase is costing £4.3 million, would not have been possible without £1 million raised by supporters, Roger Alwen, the Charlton chairman, said. Further phases of an ambitious £7 million rebuilding programme, which includes a new stand, should start within 12 months.

The chairman acknowledged the club's debt to its supporters. "At a time when money is incredibly short, they have come up with £1 million. That's an amazing response,"

Supporters had feared that the return would be financed by the sale of the team's best players, but Alwen yesterday insisted that this was not the case. His words will further contribute to a carnival atmosphere at Upton Park today. where Charlton take on Luton.

Wright wants to convince **Taylor**

BY CLIVE WHITE

AS ANYONE who has been paying attention recently to their advertising hoardings will know, there is no doubt in some people's mind about who has replaced Gary Lineker as the No. 1 English sharpshooter. "Gary Who?". it enquires a trifle irreverently on the poster alongside a picture of Ian Wright.

But, as anyone who has been paying attention to the England team selections will know, there is a serious doubt in the mind of the one person who matters - Gra-ham Taylor, the England manager - as to whether the Arsenal forward is the natural successor to the country's greatest goalscorer of the past two decades.It will require a substantial climbdown by Taylor on Tuesday to include Wright in his squad for the game against Spain in Santander on September 9, having left him out of his squad of 20 for the European championship finals in Sweden during the

Other than England's lamentable failure, nothing much has changed to make Taylor think any differently. Last season's Golden Boot winner, despite niggling thigh and ankle injuries, is still scoring goals — two in two starts — as are, for that matter, Alan Sbearer, David Hirst and Brian Deane, his rivals to fill Lineker's boots.

Taylor's misgivings about Wright have, quite properly, never received a public airing though it is understood that he questions the player's temperament and character and does not consider him an ideal team member.

Steve Coppell, the man who helped turn a potential 'unemployment statistic" into an eminently employable £2.5 million player, would have Wright in any of his teams - but not necessarily in any of his squads.

'To be fair to Graham, Ian is not a very good substi-tute," the Crystal Palace manager said, even though Wright became known as "Supersub" during his first season and a half at Selhurst Park. "He's got enough confidence in his own ability that he wants to play, and if he's not playing then he's not good to have around as part of the squad."

Incidents last season at Oldham, after which he was



fined £1,500 for spitting at a spectator, and at West Ham. where he was alleged to have used abusive language towards spectators, will have done nothing to improve Wright's image in Taylor's eyes. If Taylor had been at Highbury on Wednesday he would have seen Wright reprimanded by the referee for an unprovoked attack on

Neil Pointon, the Oldham

Wright's behaviour during a game is not normally a problem, though he is an aggressive type of player, as noted by Mark Bright, his friend and foil at Palace. "Some people claim he has changed his style at Arsenal. but Ian has played with fire in his belly throughout his career." Bright said. "He would not be the same without the aggressive streak.

There are plusses and

minuses, but it works for lan. Take it away and you would lose him." Constant rejections, prob-

ably starting from the time when a former school teacher told him he was destined to become an unemployment statistic, has made Wright, 29 in November, allthe more determined to succeed. When Taylor informed him before Sweden that "it wasn't my time", as Wright recounted, a hurt young man took himself off to Florida to ensure that he missed the European championship in

every sense. would be enough to get me through in the end, even though people had been saying for ages that I would be the striker to be left out," Wright said.

Coppell agrees that Wright's record is his most

might be over-simplifying things, but I just look at goals and say, 'who's scored the most? Well they're the best strikers'," he said. "From that point of view I suppose you've got to look at Hirst and Wright. "If you start getting in-

volved in blends i think, sometimes, you're overlooking the obvious. If you have two strikers who score goals. presumably you've got a better chance than if you have one striker who scores and another who makes."

And what says Gary Who? es; he's not particularly strong on the ball. But he has that priceless ability to help himself to goals. I'm as convinced as anyone can be that he is the man who should be my immediate Successor."

CYCLING

Wallace's aim is progress to gold

FROM PETER BRYAN

SHAUN Wallace, of Britain. Boardman's Olympic goldmedal victory by winning the world professional 5,000 metres track pursuit here next

Tuesday. Wallace, who took silver last year when he was beaten by Francis Moreau, of France, will be riding the aerodynamic Lotus machine on which Boardman won his Olympic title last month.

He arrived in Spain on Tuesday from a training camp at Colorado Springs and had his first ride on the new 250 metres cement track the fol-lowing day. With every outing since then he has felt more confident. "It's coming togeth-

er now," he said. There was a moment of concern on Thursday night when a workman fell from scaffolding onto spectators' seats, scattering debris across the track during a crowded training session. "Our helmets are normally worn as a safety measure against crashes," Wallace said. "Flying fragments of broken chairs are

something different." With final entries for the pursuit title not to be con-firmed until tonight. Wallace was unable to forecast his chances on improving on last year's performance in Stuttgast

"The arrival of the Lotus may well have made some niders decide not to turn up here," he said. "So I really don't yet what the opposition

In tomorrow's individual qualifying time-trial round, Wallace and his professional rivals will have the chance to improve on Boardman's amateur world record of 5min 38.083sec set at Leicester last weekend.

The track programme at these world championships, for which Britain has entries in the amateur tandem sprint. women's points race and the professional sprint, keirin, points race and pursuit, will be followed by the women's road ial next Saturda with the following day bringing the 163 miles professional road race, with Italy's Gianni Bugno defending.

BRIDGE

Women take strong lead

Salsomaggiore, Italy: Britain took a clear lead in the women's series at the World Team Olympiad when they beat the holders. Denmark, 23-7 in the 21st qualifying round yesterday (Albert Dormer writes). This followed a fine win by 25-1 over France. the previous leaders, on Thursday night.

Britain are comfortably placed in their 17-team group with 406 victory points followed by Sweden, 395, and France 378.

After three setbacks on Wednesday, Britain's open team beat Hungary and South Africa and lost 20-10 to Poland on Thursday before drawing with Canada yesterday. It lies 12th.

PREMIER LEAGUE WATCH BY-WATCH GUIDE Everion and Wimbledon poles

Today Arsenal v Sheff Weds

Arsenal can expect any repetition of their second-half decline against Oldham in midweek to be dealt with more severely by Wednesday, even if they did win this fixture 7-1 last season.

However, the absence of Palmer, who has been troubled by injury and diness, quant to hand midfield advantage to an Arsenal side strengthened in that department by the return of Jensen and Limper after International duly. Wright and Merson are included although not fully fit.

Chelsea v QPR

It would be typical of arguably the top division's most erratic side to be the first to spoil Queen's Park Rangers' fun. After

all, Don Howe, their coach, has inside knowledge. Chelsea, without a win yet, have still to find an effective replacement for Dongo but, encouraged by the clean sheet against Blackburn Rovers, will persist with the players they have available rather than meet West Ham United's asking price of £2.2 million for Dicks. Holloway is still missing

Coventry v Blackburn

Could this be the beginning of Coverity City's descent now that the bubble has burst? Gynn is doubtful but Gallacher and Williams are included in the squad. Blackburn Rovers, thanks to the late miss of Harford (Mick, that is) at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday, have yet to taste defeat this season. Wright is back in the Blackburn

C Palace v Norwich

A match to test Norwich's ability to stay in the top sex. With Fox out of action until the end of next month with a thigh injury the late fitness test on Robins's groin could be crucial. Bowen needs one, too. Sutch and Power are included in the squad, Palace, who have drawn all their four games, should be able to call on Bright, who was concussed in ek, but Salako remains doubtful while the unlucky Shaw out with a fractured cheekbone. is replaced by Sinnott.

Everton v Wimbledon Everton, enjoying a better run of the ball this season, could go top for the first time in three years if for the first time in three years if results elsewhere go for them. Warzycha returns from international duty to help keep

tendon injury but should be fit while Hill, who has recovered uncomfortable derby for Oldham, who are without Henry. who turned an ankle at Highbury.

League win at Southampton,

and Kanchelskis. Webb and

Blackmore stay out.

which means that Dublin stays

Leeds v Liverpool Leeds, grateful to get the Middlesbrough defeat out of their

apart. Rideout must test a heel

injury. Wimbledon are still without Fashanu (ankle) and Scales (calf) but have Joseph back.

wholescrough beleat out of the system at Tottenham's expense in midweek, will have been further relieved to hear that the ankle McAllister turned in training s not serious. Dorigo makes his 300th league appearance. Liverpool, who are contemplating making one or two changes, can ill-afford to be without Nicol (harnstring) and Thomas (ankle).

With the 3-1 defeat of Norwich, City suggested that their might start tiving up to pre-season optimism. Coton has an Achilles

from a calf problem, cannot find a way back, it threatens to be an

Oiney, Fleming or Palmer will compete for the vacant

Nottm For v Man Utd Forest, still realing possibly from their mauling by Oktham, will be pleased that United have yet to show similar fire power this season. Bannister, 32, starts his first game in a two-month trial with Forest in place of the departed Sheringham. United keep faith in the players who gained them their first Premier

Man City v Oldham

Sheff Utd v Aston Villa Despite two defeats away from home. United are enjoying their best start since returning to the

top flight. Gannon returns but Gage is doubtful at full back. Their poor defensive record eight goals conceded — is likely to be less seriously examined by a Vilta side who will be without Daley for a formight due to a knee injury and Yorke. Regis has recovered, however.

Soton v Middlsbro In racing parlance, Southampton could be said to be about eight lengths intenor to Middlesbrough, taking a line through Tottenham Fortunately for Saints, football rarely works out that way. Le Tissier returns and Groves makas his debut Cockerill is indisposed with a call injury, Speedie is doubtful and Benali suspended

anide injury Tomorrow Inswich v Tottenham

Wood and Dodd are poised to

return. Wilkinson, who scored twice for Middlesbrough against Leeds, has recovered from an

Having taken a point each off Manchester United and Liverpool in the past seven days,

Tottenham should present no cause for alarm to an ipswich cause for alarm to an ipswich side settling down well to life back at the top, ipswich expect to be unchanged, Tottenham happily not so. Sheringham makes his debut after his £2 1 million move from Nottingham Forest. While Mabbut is still not fit to return at least Cundy looks. fit to return, at least Cundy looks like making a quick recovery. Thorstvedt and Walker vie for the goalkeeper's jersey. Compiled by Cirve White

CRICKET

Liyanage slows Australian progress

Colombo: Dulip Liyanage, the Sri Lanka pace bowler, claimed three Australian wickets - the first with his third delivery - in an impressive Test match debut yesterday. Liyanage ended the first day

of the second Test with three for 61 after Australia, put in to bat, recovered from 72 for four to 177 for five Dean Jones,

MICHAEL Atherton, who is

certain to tour India with

England this winter, and Neil

Fairbrother, who is making it

difficult for the selectors to

ignore him, made the most of

who was missed by Roshan Mahanama at second slip when he had scored one. drove fluently on both sides of the wicket for an unbeaten 77. Early-morning rain cut 12 overs off the first session, in which Liyanage had Tom

Moody caught behind off an

outswinger in the second over. Mark Taylor was out just

Atherton's century equals record

before lunch for 15 to a batpad catch by Sanath Jayasuriya off Chandika Hathurusinghe, making Aus-

tralia 35 for two at the break. David Boon and Mark Waugh both were caught by Jayasuriya in the bat-pad position. Boon was Liyanage's second victim, while Waugh fell to Champaka

Rain which caused an early tea cost a further 12 overs, and on the resumption Allan Borthen 109 for five. AUSTRALIA: First immig:

Extras (b 9, lb 10, w 2, nb 4)

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BOWLING: Ramanavake 19-7-44-1;
Llyanago 22-7-61-3; Hathurusinghe 9-1-261; Gurusintan 3-1-9-0; Aruziash 6-0-13-0;
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et board has agreed to a South African proposal to use television replays to determine close decisions during their Test matches in October, A third umpire will review replays of stumpings, run-outs and hit-wicket decisions if asked by the two umpires on

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Spaniards kill hopes with penalty strokes

ENGLAND'S hopes of reaching the European junior championship final were dashed yesterday at Vught in Holland when they lost on penalty strokes to Spain after the scores were tied at 2-2 (Sidney Friskin writes). There

Having been in the lead twice. England were finally thwarted by Arnau, a member of the senior Spanish side, who levelled the score in the 43rd minute. Humphrey and Nicklin had earlier scored for England in the 13th and 27th minutes and Ventallo for Spain who equalised a minute

The penalty stroke shoot-out began with a setback for England with Nicklin failing to score. After that the Spaniards put all their strokes past Mason in the England goal to emerge 5-4 winners. Successful conversions for England were made by Cope, Woods, Germany, who lost 2-1 to Holland in the second semifinal. Germany were winners in their last three meetings.

Scotland and Wales will play-off today for fifth place. Scotland beat Czechoslovakia yesterday 4-3 with Milne and Freeland, each scoring twice. Wales defeated Switzerland 2-I with goals by Walid Abdo and Zac Jones after Switzerland had taken the lead. RESULTS: Semi-firets: England 2, Span 2 (Span won 5-4 on penalty strokes), Holland 2, Germany 1 Play-offs (fifth to eighth places) Scolland 4, Czechoslovaloa 3, Wales 2, Switzerland 1

Delhi: India and Pakistan are proposing to resume the tradition of playing hockey "Tests" to try to end European domination of the game. Pakistan broke off the meetings in

1988 and delicate, diplomatic manoeuvrings will be called for before both governments approve. A neutral ground, in Abu Dhabi, would first be used. At Barcelona, India, eight times Olympic champions, were seventh. Pakistan won the bronze medal. (AFP)

BOWLS

Whitehead holds off Overton's challenge

By David Rhys Jones

LYNNE Whitehead, from Norwich, reversed the result of last year's English Bowling Federation (EBF) national ju-nior singles final when she beat Debbie Overton, 22, from Brigg Town, 21-15, at

Skegness yesterday. Last month, she had partnered her mother, Brenda, to the quarter-final of the English Women's Bowling Association (EWBA) pairs at Learnington, and, as soon as the final was over yesterday. the Whitehead family headed for Llandrindod Wells, where Lynne will be playing for England in the under-25 international series today.

When Whitehead, 19, arrived at Skegness, she was unsure whether she would be allowed to compete, because the final was scheduled for today. I'm just grateful to the EBF — and to Debbie — for agreeing to bring the final forward," Whitehead said. "And to the EWBA for allowing me to arrive late for the

Whitehead, who led 10-5 after 11 ends, held a firm grip on the final — until the last four ends. Leading 20-11. she found the last shot difficult to find, as Overton, showing a gritty determination, saved game on at least three occasions, and closed to 20-15.

On the 27th end, Overton was on target with her final bowl, but caught Whitehead's shot a glancing blow and left the position unchanged. The most exciting semi-final of the day featured Jamie

Reynolds, aged 14, of Peter-borough and David Bolt, who is 13, of Sunderland. Reynolds, a stylish left-hander, led 18-11, but Bolt lengthened the jack and clawed his way back to 20-19. A single to Reynolds, whose mother. Pat. qualified for today's women's pairs final, raised the days

loudest cheer. Either Hind, of Birtley, led Meg Fisher, of Warboys White Hart, 19-9, but trailed 19-20 after 22 ends before winning with a double.

what play was possible when the Roses match got under way two days late at Old Atherton hit his fourth century against Yorkshire in as many years, equalling Clive Lloyd's record. But he is the first player to have scored

them all on the same ground He was unbeaten with 103 out of Lancashire's 233 for three when the rain returned. The state of the s

Earlier he had been overshadowed by his captain, who dashed to 67 before he fell to Peter Hartley, the first bowler to dismiss him in a champion-

By Geoffrey Wheeler

ship match since Parsons, of Leicestershire, on July 16. Kim Barnett, the Derby-shire captain, hit four boundaries off Andrew Caddick's first over when play got under way at Derby. But the young Somerset bowler had the last laugh by taking five wickets. He began by removing his tormentor, but not until Barnett had equalled the county record by reaching

1,000 runs for the tenth

successive season. Adrian Dale took advan-tage of half a day's play at Edgbaston to reach his second championship century of the season for Glamorgan, while Nottinghamshire built on good bowling by Cairns and Lewis to put themselves into a

strong position against Worcestershire. Slow left-arm bowler Keith Medlycott, who toured the West Indies with England in 1989-90, is not being retained by Surrey. Chris Broad, released by Nottinghamshire, is to play for Fleetwood, the Northern League club.

Ramanayake, the pace bowler der was bowled by Liyanage for 15. Australia, who lead 1-0 in the three-Test series, were

FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-34, 3-69, 4-72, 5-

☐ Madras: The Indian crickthe field. (Reuter)

HOCKEY

By Sydney Friskin

was no extra time.

after Humphrey's goal.

Wyatt and Giles. England can take third place today if they beat

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series in Wales."

CRICKET 30

Pakistanis claim vindication

ICC washes its hands over ball controversy

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

CLINGING desperately to the nannyish philosophy of least said soonest mended, the International Cricket Council (ICC) yesterday declared that details of the issue which has been gripping the cricket world all week are not fit for

public consumption.

Five days after they could, and should, have headed off all repercussions with a simple explanation of why the ball was changed in the one-day international at Lord's on Sunday, the ICC issued a three-sentence statement of

breathtaking arrogance. Lt-Col John Stephenson, the secretary, finally cleared his office of solicitors long enough to reach the fax machine and release the words the game has awaited with rising impatience. He then showed a fine sense of judgment by immedlately leaving Lord's for a short

The non-statement reads: "I have decided not to make any further statement concerning the change of ball during the lunch interval at Lord's on Sunday. Umpires reports are, and always have been, treated as strictly confidential and after careful consideration I have concluded that the same should apply to the match

IF THE International Cricket

Council (ICC) is indeed deter-

mined to stamp out interfer-

ing with the ball, as it says, it will have enthusiastic support

from West Indies. "If it has

stopped," Richie Richardson,

the West Indies captain, said

at Scarborough yesterday.
"It is not fair for bowlers to

get extra help by tampering with the ball," he said. "Rules

are there to be obeyed, and they should be obeyed, even

rules which you don't like."
In a week of equivocation

against a background of legal

considerations, Richardson's

unequivocal commitment to

fair play should resound through the game. While

Intikhab Alam, the Pakistan

manager, yesterday rejected responsibility, saying it was up to the umpires and referee to

stop illegal activity, Richard-son insisted that he would be

personally responsible for his

team playing the game fairly.

"If I saw any of them rampering with the ball, I would take it very seriously.

and make sure they did not do

it." he said. "People have been

picking the seam for many

years, but I don't agree with

"Cricket should be played very hard, but it should be

played fairly, it should be equal for everybody, and be

decided by your ability, your

that either.

far as the ICC is concerned the matter is closed." The ICC may have washed its hands of the controversy but it will not find many to share its cosy view. The Pakistants believe they have been vindicated and an immediate statement from Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis, alleging "smears, innuendo and untruths", confirmed that they

This morning, the touring side leaves England and, for a team which has produced some scintillating cricket and won a Test series entirely on merit, it is the greatest pity that many in the game will be relieved to see the back of

will be proceeding with legal

For the players of this country, it is neither enlightening nor offensive if the Pakistanis have tampered with a cricket ball, for there are few playing who would put hand on heart and say they have never broken the laws in a similar or related way. What have caused increasing annoyance are the Pakistani protestations of angelic behaviour and their will-ingness to drag the game into murky legal alleyways.

There was no comment yesterday from the Test and County Cricket Board but it

knowledge and skill, not by

clarify matters yesterday, the

issue is unlikely to go away.

one-day tournaments in South

Africa and Australia, followed

by a Test series in the

"We will try to ignore what has been said here," Richard-

son said, "because we want to

play positive cricket, and we're

not going to go into the games with this in the back of our

minds because it could affect

our play. But a lot of eyes are going to be open and people

are going to have to be very careful what they do."

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Caribbean.

A fair-play pledge

by West Indies

the chief executive, was busy on the fax machine, too, instructing every player and umpire that their contracts prohibit them from speaking to the press — all part of a comprehensive cover-up, of course, but about as useful as a motorist insuring his car the day after he has crashed it. Too much has already been written and spoken about the events in the pavilion on Sunday for anyone to be remotely deflected by a series of "no comments".

Unforgivably, the ICC has handed over the high ground in this sorry saga to the solicitors who have harassed and nitpicked all week. Equally unforgivably. Pakistan have bused their membership of the ICC by applying such blatant legal pressure to the constitution and proper running of the body.

It has been a shameful week for cricket, from which nobody involved has emerged well We are now asked to believe that we shall never know the true facts of the controversy, but there is actually no pos-sible doubt as to what

I understand that the umpires, Ken Palmer and John Hampshire, went to the England dressing-room during the fateful lunch interval and reported to the captain, Gra-ham Gooch, that the ball had been changed because they considered it had been tam-pered with. Pakistan's officials had already been apprised of this in the referee's room.

The position of the umpires is not a comfortable one, for the long silence and subse-quent lack of clarification has implicitly cast doubt on the validity or correctness of their actions. For this, Deryck Murray, the ICC match referee, must be held entirely responsipublic that the ball change had occurred, it was his duty to protect and support the um-

pires by explaining why. The delay has been directly responsible for the embarrassing conclusion to the affair. Lawyers acting for the Paki-stants seized on a technicality of the issue, believed to relate to the condition of the ball

issued as a substitute. The playing conditions for the summer, at variance with the laws of cricket, state that it should have been of "much inferior condition" to the original. If it was not, mistakenly or otherwise, the claim could have been made that law 5, relating to the ball being damaged by natural causes, must have been the one

The ball at the centre of the argument, meanwhile, is under lock and key at Lord's, where it will apparently stay. away from prying eyes, unless it is necessary to produce it as Exhibit A in any subsequent

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plenty to ponder at the Spa Francorchamps circuit yesterday. He finished second in qualifying for the Belgian Formula One grand prix, being held tomorrow, two seconds behind Nigel Mansell and a second ahead of Mansell's team-mate, Roccardo Patrese, announced he was withdrawing his intentions to drive for Williams-Renault and even had time to show another side of his persona. Erik Comas, the French driver, had spun his Ligier-Senna, who was following, saw Comas

slumped in his seat, apparently hurt and unconscious. The Brazilian stopped immed-iately and ran back up the track to help. He did so at great personal risk, with cars roaring by and debris littered over the circuit, and showed courage, risking serious injury. It transpired that Comas was badly concussed and he was later released from hospital. Senna's decision to abandon his move to drive for Williams opens the way for Mansell and Alain Prost to fill the team's two positions.

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Chesney takes on Derby jinx

John Whitaker, on Hender-

son Gammon, was second on four faults. John Popely, from

Meopham, in Kent, produced a magnificent performance on

Nick Skelton's former mare.

Blue Bird, to take third place.

Despite the jinx, Chesney

was optimistic about her chances tomorrow. "Diamond

Exchange is a bit of an individual but he is at his best

in a big arena like Hickstead

— I can't wait to take him

Chesney's father bought the

nine-year-old gelding four

years ago, after spotting him at the Millstreet Show in

Ireland. Last year in their first Nations Cup, in Prague, they had a clear round and four

faults, but at their only previ-

ous visit to Hickstead, in May,

the horse was off form, suffer-

and

down the bank," she said.

By JENNY MACARTHUR

JESSICA Chesney, of Ireland, riding Diamond Exchange. achieved the biggest win of her career yesterday in the Silk Cut Derby Trial at Hickstead, a qualifying competition for the Silk Cut Derby tomorrow. But the rider from County Animm was reluctant to celebrate her surprise win in an

event with a 65-strong field.
"Everyone said to me before the jump-off, "Whatever you do don't win - otherwise you are jinxed for the Derby," Chesney, 22. said. Only one rider, Eddie Macken, on Boomerang in 1979, has won

both competitions.
The magnificant Diamond exchange, a nine-year-old son of Diamond Serpent, had other ideas. Going third in the five-horse jump-off, he made light of the sticky, dead ground to produce the only dear round

Whitaker, two of the favourites for the £35,000 first prize tomorrow, both showed good form yesterday. John, in addition to finishing as the runnerup, was also fifth, on Henderson Hopscotch.

Michael, attempting a second successive win on Henderson Monsanta in the Derby, gave a convincing performance, with four faults. Popely, who started riding only seven years ago, at 17, will not ride Blue Bird tomorrow, despite her third place yesterday. "She is only seven and I don't want to frighten her," he said. Instead, he will ride Capone, on which he achieved a double clear round in the Nations Cup.

RESULTS: Silk Cut Derby Trial: 1, Demond Exchange (J Chesney, Ire), 0 tauls in 59.01set: 2, Henderson Germand: 10 Whiteler, 089, 4 in 55.45; 3, Blue Bard (J Popely, 089, 4 in 59.42; 4, Sher Dust (R Smith, GB), 7 in 67.04; 5, Henderson Hopscotch (J Whiteler), 7 in 71.24.

Sheringham seeks goal in Spurs debut

BY CLIVE WHITE

TEDDY Sheringham breezed into Tottenham Hotspur foot-ball club yesterday like the breath of fresh air it so desperately needs following its dismal start to the season. The former Millwall favourite declared that his aim was to make an impact straight away by scoring on his debut against Ipswich Town in the BSkyB live match at Portman Road tomorrow. Sheringham professed to be

inconcerned about the size of Nottingham Forest, which was completed, after much toing and froing between the chibs, when he signed a four-year contract before the noon deadline yesterday. "It is not much more than what Forest paid for me last year — in any case, the transfer market has gone a bit crazy, with almost every player costing £2 million

While the signing of a goalscorer would not appear to be the answer to Tottenham's perennial problem in central defence, as amplified by Leeds United's thumping 5-0 win over them in midweek, it should, nevertheless, give a boost to a side still looking for their first win. "I'm aiming to get a goal on my debut because it's been a

long two or three weeks since the transfer was mentioned," he said. "It's a great move for me, though to be fair I was never desperate to get back to

Sheringham described his first training session with Tottenham es a great shock. "That is the most training I have done in 18 months," he said. "At Forest they just believed in rest."

A draw tomorrow may be as

company can hope for against an unbeaten side which has held its own against Manchester United and Liver-

pool in consecutive games.
Further brighter news for
Tottenham was that Cundy. Elland Road, will be fit. Sedgley retains his place in midfield, with Howells absent due to a broken foot. A late decision will be made on whether Thorstvedt or Walker

keeps goal.

Doug Livermore, the Tottenham coach, is not dismayed: "We have played only direct sides so far, so we are looking forward to playing against a footballing side. which is what loswich are."

A team coached by John Lyall could be nothing but, though since promotion was achieved the former West to general manager, with Mick McGiven taking over team duties. He could not have wished for a much smoother start from a side which has few names immediately recognisable to the pub-lic; other than that of Wark. At 35, Warkis enjoying his third spell with the club and provides the last link with its

halcyon days. McGiven said that he was unaware how "onerous" were the responsibilities of the team

the players' attitude and honesty," he said. "I'm also very fortunate to have worked under such magnificent teach-ers — Alan Brown at Sunderland and Ron Greenwood and John Lyall at West Ham; all of them not only diligent and intelligent men but people who cared about other people."

Drop-off in gates alarms Arsenal

By CLIVE WHITE

sure in the Premier League could cost clubs dearly. George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said yesterday. All-ticket restrictions had also hit his own club, which had fallen more than 13,000 spectators short of its reduced capacity of 29,000 over its two home games to date.

The police have insisted on an all-ticket restriction at Highbury games while the North Bank is being redevel oped. "We are very concerned about the gate figures, especially after getting a good result at Liverpool last Sunday," Graham said. "If we continue to average gates of around 22,000 we will lose a

lot of money." Arsenal's opening match of the season against Norwich City attracted a crowd of 24,030 and only 20,796 attended the game against Old-ham Athletic on Wednesday. Arsenal have budgeted for an

average attendance of 26,000. "Not everyone can get to the ground to buy tickets," he said. "People are used to turning up and paying on the day of the match." Graham also voiced his

concern over some of the new Premier League rules, namely. the 15-minute half-time break and the choice of green shirts

. "I don't like a 15-minute break, and nor do the players. I think it is simply too long," he said. "You can say all there is to say in 10 minutes and end up talking for the sake of

On the question of the referee's new attire, he said that he had already had an occasion where his goalkeeper had had to change his jersey because it clashed with the referee's.

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☐ Kevin Ratcliffe, a former Wales captain, has been left out of Terry Yorath's 16-strong squad for the World Cup qualifying match against the Faroe Islands in Cardiff, on Wednesday, September 9. The Everton defender had won 58 caps since his debut against Czechoslovakia in

1981. WALES SOUAD: N Southell (Everiori), A Norman (Sunderland); M Bowen (Norwich), P Bodin (Swindori), D Philips (Norwich), P Bodin (Swindori), D Philips (Norwich), C Biacomore (Manchester Litc), E Young (Crystel Palace), K Symons (Pottemouth), M Aziewood (Britaci City), G Speed (Leeds), M Pembridge (Derby), B Horne (Everiori), M Hughes (Manchester Litc), R (Bigge (Manchester Litc), I Rush (Liverpool), D Saunders (Liverpool)

Postmen deliver for Paralympics

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THE British Paralympic team left for Barcelona yesterday to put finishing touches to its preparations for the Games beginning on Thursday. The athletes were helped on their way by a £250,000 donation from the Royal Mail, money raised by the company's employees throughout the

In all, 206 British athletes will compete against represen-tatives from 94 countries and the team has realistic hopes of bettering its tally of 179 medals won in Seoul in 1988.

Morale is high in the team. After many squad meetings and training weekends the disparate groups from the various sports and disability classifications have come to know and support each other.

One of the most experienced members of the team is Noel Thatcher, although he is only 26. "It's just starting to hit us now that we're on our way." he said. With all the hype and attention around the Games, it's important to keep your feet on the ground and remember what you're here for."

Richardson: backing ICC

A seasoned campaigner at the top level. Thatcher is helping the newcomers to adapt to the pressures met in international competition. 'It's the simple things you can help them with most," he said. "Just advising them what it's like to sit in the call-up room alongside your biggest rival before a race makes a

Thatcher, together with Anthony Howard and Robert Matthews, will be aiming for a dean sweep in blind middle distance running. The three 1,500 metre finals for the three sight categories are scheduled within 20 minutes of one another. "I was the only one who got it wrong in Seoul," Thatcher said. "We aim to get it right this time."

Disabled take a dim view

FOOTBALL supporters are. more or less by definition, loyal and long-suffering. Quadruple that for disabled supporters. A recent survey (On The Sidelines, commissioned by the Football Stadia Advisory Design Council) shows that even today, in a supposedly healthier climate. disabled supporters must arrive hours before kick-off, are denied the benfits of normal ticketing procedures, and of-

ten have a rotten view as well. Building regulations passed in June this year insist that disabled people have access to all storeys of any non-domestic building. That implies, when previous legislation is brought into account, that one per cent of any football stadium's entire capacity should now be given over to the disabled. For example, if you were to build a stadium that, like Liver-

pool's, originally had a capacity of 46,000, you must offer 460 seats to the disabled. Liverpool have a total of 17, though rebuilding continues. Positive note: Millwall, building their new stadium before the latest regulations, are going for a 20,000 capacity with 180 wheelchair places. Negative note: many clubs have a long way to go. This is a question, not merely

Right to fight

of facilities, but of attitude.

I went to a marketing scam last night and an ice hockey match broke out. Yes, shockhorror and surprise-surprise. North America's National Hockey League has made the revolutionary move not to ban fighting. At the summer meeting in Forida, team owners had the chance to grasp the nettle and make their sport sensible; instead they have come up with a "compromise". "The spontaneous fight was the only thing I was trying to protect," said Par Quinn, president of the Vancouver Canucks. The real point, of course, is that owners believe fights sell tickets.



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SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

☐ Today is the biggest day in football's year: the day of the FA Cup preliminary round. Among the major fixtures of the round are Stewart and Lloyds v Evesham, Burnham v Canvey Island, Shortwood v Brockenhurst, Cinderford v

"My wish is that we love one

Sholing Newbury, Bemerton Heath, and Torrington v Bideford. Mighty Redhill, the team I covered when I worked on local papers, have a visit from Boreham Wood: Wembley

Love hurts

another," Don King, the boxing promoter who looks like a negative of Ludwig van Beethoven, said on his 61st birthday this week, "That we put aside hostility and divisiveness." He then went on to sue Razor Ruddock for \$35 million. Ruddock has alleg-edly walked out on a contract so he can meet Lennox Lewis in October. "I took the guy from the point of a loser," King said. "I can make losing winning."



Running scared This column has always be-

lieved in the importance of going out for a regular run. But one should make sure that it is the horse that does the running. Foot-slogging types, with some reason on their side, tell me that horses are too high up, too unpredictable and too dangerous. But I learn that going out for a run can be one of the most hazardous pursuits of mankind. For example, 59 per cent of runners have been attacked by inanimate objects. A survey in Running magazine reveals that parked cars attack runners without provocation: others have suffered contretemps with brick walls, branches, scaffolding and chainlink fencing. Still more runners have been assaulted by bus shelters, trees, park benches, litter bins and

I also learn that 61 per cent of runners have been attacked by dogs: 57 per cent have been harrassed by non-runners, males as well as females; 39 per cent have tangled with moving cars and 19 per cent

with cyclists; and 44 per cent of runners have got lost when out on a run. Madness, this column says. Four legs good, two legs bad.

Noteworthy

Football's mission in the world of music passed another major milestone this week with the release of Ook Ah Cantona, a hymn of praise to the eponymous Leeds forward, Eric, sung by a band called Oo La La. It includes words from Cantona himself, uttered at Leeds City Centre: "Why I love you I don't know why but I love

The men behind Oo La La are Charlie Staniforth and Eddie Stringer. "We were just inspired when we heard him talk to the crowd after we won the league," Stringer said.

Apparently the record is selling well, at least in Leeds. Historical note: at the end of last season, Leeds were top of the charts in Japan with a remix of a song called March ing On Together, which was recorded by Billy Bremner, Allan Clarke and others of the

